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## BRAZIL BLASTS KERRY ON NSA

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Associated Press

**BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)**—Brazil demanded answers Tuesday from the U.S. about National Security Agency spying in the country and warned that trust between the two nations would be damaged if U.S. explanations about the program were not satisfactory.



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry gestures during a joint press conference with Brazilian Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota in Brasilia, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013. (AP Photo/Evaristo Sa)

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who was visiting Brasilia, sought to allay Brazil's concerns about the program, saying the U.S. would work to provide answers to Brazil and other Latin American nations rankled by the NSA surveillance revealed by systems analyst Edward Snowden. "We're now facing a new type of challenge in our bilateral relationship," Brazil Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota said at a news conference. "The challenge is related to news about the interception of Brazilian electronic and telephone communications. And if those challenges are not resolved in a satisfactory way, we run the risk of casting a shadow of distrust over our work."

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## MELTDOWN

A Malmstrom Air Force Base missile maintenance team removes the upper section of an ICBM at a Montana missile site. An Air Force unit that operates one-third of the nation's land-based nuclear missiles at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., has failed a safety and security inspection, marking the second major setback this year for a force charged with the military's most sensitive mission.

(AP Photo/U.S. Air Force, John Parie)

## US Nuclear Unit Fails Key Security Test

**ROBERT BURNS**

**AP National Security Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — An Air Force unit that operates one-third of the U.S. land-based nuclear missiles has failed a safety and security inspection, marking the second major setback this year for a force charged with the military's most sensitive mission, the general in charge of the nuclear air force told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. James M. Kowalski, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, said a team of "relatively low ranking" airmen failed one exercise as part of a broader inspection, which began last week and ended Tuesday. He said that for security reasons he could

not be specific about the team or the exercise.

"This unit fumbled on this exercise," Kowalski said by telephone from his headquarters in Louisiana, adding that this did not call into question the safety or control of nuclear weapons at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana.

"The team did not demonstrate the right procedures," he said, and as a result was rated a failure.

To elaborate "could reveal a potential vulnerability" in the force, Kowalski said.

In a written statement on its website, Kowalski's command said there had been "tactical-level errors" in the snap exercise, revealing "discrepancies."

Without more details it is

difficult to reliably judge the extent and severity of the problem uncovered at Malmstrom, home of the 341st Missile Wing, which is one of three nuclear missile wings.

Each wing operates 150 Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs, on alert for potential launch against targets around the globe.

Asked whether the Air Force intends to take disciplinary action against anyone for the inspection failure, Kowalski said the Air Force is "looking into it."

Overall, the 341st wing "did well," he said, earning ratings of excellent or outstanding in the majority of the 13 areas in which it was graded by inspectors.

Those areas include management, administration, safety, security, emergency exercises, worker reliability and other facets of a mission that relies on teams of officers and enlisted personnel.

ICBM wings undergo two types of inspections. The one at Malmstrom was a "surety" inspection, which the Pentagon defines as "nuclear weapon system safety, security and control."

The point is to ensure that no nuclear weapon is accidentally, inadvertently or deliberately armed or launched without presidential authority.

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## Brazil demands Kerry clarify on NSA

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He said Brazil was seeking explanations through political, diplomatic and technical channels, but that those clarifications were not an "end to themselves."

"We need to stop practices that violate sovereignty," he said.

The O Globo newspaper reported last month that information released by Snowden showed Brazil is the top target in Latin America for the NSA's massive intelligence-gathering effort, aimed at monitoring communications around the world.

"We will work together very positively to make certain that this question — these issues — do not get in the way of all the other things that we talked about," Kerry said.

He said he could not discuss operational issues, but said the U.S. is talking to the Brazilians about the program.

"We will guarantee that Brazil and other countries will understand exactly what we are doing — why and how — and we will work together to make sure that whatever is done is done in a way that respects our friends and our partners. And that is what we are going to achieve."

when Obama hosts a state visit for Brazil.

Both Patriota and Kerry boasted that the U.S.-Brazil relationship had matured and that the two nations were working together on many issues, including trade, energy, gender equality, sustainable development, deforestation, climate change, biofuels and visa-free travel between the two countries. Kerry said the U.S. did not want the surveillance dispute to taint relations.

"I want to emphasize, rather than focus on an area of disagreement, the United States and Brazil share a remarkable and dynamic partnership," Kerry said.



**U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks to government officials during a lunch at Itamaraty Palace in Brasilia, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013. Kerry sought on Tuesday to allay the concerns of Brazil's top leaders about U.S. surveillance in their country while highlighting the expanding relationship the U.S. is nurturing with the economic powerhouse in Latin America.**

(AP Photo/Evaristo Sa)

Public opposition to the spying was on display outside the Foreign Ministry building on Tuesday as a few dozen protesters yelled "go away, spies" to some members of Kerry's traveling party as they left the building.

Kerry defended the NSA program, saying it had been approved by all three branches of the U.S. government.

"We're not surprised and we're not upset that Brazil would ask questions. Absolutely understandable," Kerry said.

"Brazil is owed answers with respect to those questions and they will get them. And

Revelations about NSA snooping in Brazil came at a time when the U.S. has been trying to expand the relationship with Brazil, an economic powerhouse in Latin America.

During President Barack Obama's visit to Brazil in 2011, the two nations signed 10 bilateral agreements. Five more were signed when Brazil President Dilma Rousseff visited the United States earlier this year, evidence of enhanced cooperation between the two countries.

Rousseff, who met with Kerry Tuesday afternoon, has been invited again to Washington in October,

"Every single day, we work together to advance economic opportunity, human rights, environment protection, regional peace and security, democracy as well as major global challenges in the Middle East and elsewhere."

He said the U.S. respected that Brazil is one of the world's largest free-market democracies. Brazil's foreign minister on Tuesday said that U.S. investment in the country had surpassed \$100 billion and that tens of millions of dollars continue to flow in annually, a statistic that shows that Brazil is an attractive destination for American investors. □

## U.S. government delays proposed airline merger

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. government is challenging the proposed merger of American Airlines and US Airways to create the world's largest airline, saying it would cause "substantial harm" to consumers by leading to higher fares and fees.

The U.S. Justice Department, joined by the attorneys general of six U.S. states, filed a lawsuit to block the merger Tuesday in federal court in Washington, D.C. The government's challenge threatens to quash a deal that would create the world's largest airline by passenger miles. The airlines could challenge the government in court, or possibly agree to concessions that would convince regulators to approve the merger.

The lawsuit caught many observers by surprise. In the last five years, antitrust regulators had allowed three other major airline mergers to go ahead, leaving five airlines in control of about 80 percent of domestic market. But the government argued that this merger would hurt consumers around America by eliminating a competitor on more than 1,000 routes.

If the merger leads to even small increases in ticket prices or airline fees, it would cost American consumers hundreds of millions of dollars each year, the department said.

As examples, the government cited round-trip fares for travel this month between Miami and Cincinnati and between Houston and New York in which US Airways' fares are far lower than American and other competitors.

Shares of both airlines plunged on news of the lawsuit. US Airways Group Inc. shares fell \$1.66, or 8.8 percent, to \$17.16 in midday trading. AMR shares were taken off the New York Stock Exchange shortly after the company filed for bankruptcy protection in late 2011 but still trade over the counter; they were down \$2.43, or 41.8 percent, to \$3.38.

In making its case against the merger, the government relies heavily on an airlines executives own words.

Throughout the 56-page lawsuit, Department of Justice lawyers quote internal emails, investor presentations and public comments by the two airlines' top executives noting how past mergers have allowed for increased fares and rising fees for checking a bag or changing flights.

For instance, the suit recalls how US Airways President Scott Kirby noted in 2011 that past mergers had paved the way for the airlines to push through three successful airfare hikes that year.

The companies issued a statement criticizing the Justice Department's conclusions and arguing that together they would create a stronger network of flights that gives travelers more choices.

In a letter to AMR employees, CEO Tom Horton said both companies tried to convince the Justice Department that the deal would be good for their customers and for airline competition.

"Since the DOJ has formed a contrary view, the matter will now be settled by the courts," Horton said, a process he said would "likely take a few months."

The airlines had already announced the management team at the combined company, which would be called American Airlines Group Inc. and led by US Airways CEO Doug Parker. Those plans are now on hold. Last year, business and leisure travelers spent more than \$70 billion on airfare in the United States. Consumer advocates cheered the lawsuit. □

## Feds: Cons sold useless stocks in massive scheme

**TOM HAYS**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A crew of con men sold worthless penny stocks to people around the globe at pumped-up prices, then victimized the investors again by setting up a fake law firm that charged them to try to get their money back, federal authorities in New York said Tuesday. The international scheme generated more than \$140 million, making it one of the largest penny stock fraud schemes in history, U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch said at a news conference announcing an indictment charging nine defendants. FBI agents arrested six of the defendants Tuesday in New York, Arizona, New Jersey, Florida and California.

A seventh was being held in Canada and two were at large.

The indictment alleges that the defendants engaged in a massive "pump and dump" scheme — buying controlling interests in sketchy startup companies, then artificially inflating their value by promoting them in fictitious emails, social media messages and news releases. The fraudulent sales campaign generated more than \$120 million in investments by tens of thousands of people in the United States and 34 other countries, including Jamaica, South Africa, Ireland and China, authorities said.

Working out of boiler room phone centers in Canada, Thailand and Britain, the defendants again victimized the same investors by convincing them to pay \$20 million in advance fees in return for helping them sell their securities or join lawsuits to reclaim their losses, court papers said. In some instances, the defendants pretended to be Internal Revenue Service employees who told victims they would have to pay a 30 percent tax before they could unload their penny stocks. □

## US Nuclear Unit Fails Key Security Test

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Kowalski said his command's inspector general has conducted 14 such inspections since early 2010 with just two failures — both involving the 341st wing. The first was in February 2010. The second was this week.

The 341st also failed a safety and security inspection in 2008.

A different type of inspection of the 91st Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, in March of this year led the deputy commander of the wing's operations group to complain of "rot" in the force. Technically, the wing passed that inspection but its missile crews earned the equivalent of a "D" grade when tested on their mastery of Minuteman 3 launch operations using a simulator.

The following month the 91st temporarily removed 17 officers from launch control duty — the first time such a large number had been pulled from duty.

In June, the commander in charge of training and proficiency of missile crews at Minot, Lt. Col. Randy Olson, was relieved of duty, citing a "loss of confidence" in his leadership.

Launch operations were not part of the Malmstrom inspection failure, Kowalski

said. The trouble at Minot was the latest in a longer series of setbacks for the Air Force's nuclear mission, highlighted by a 2008 Pentagon advisory group report that found a "dramatic and unacceptable decline" in the Air Force's

advertent transport of six nuclear-tipped missiles on a B-52 bomber, whose pilot did not know they were aboard when he flew from Montana to the Gulf Coast — then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates fired the top two Air Force officials.

began finding an increasing number of problems at the ICBM wings, followed by a decrease since 2011. He said this tells him that the Air Force has come up with more rigorous, effective means of inspecting, and that they are spurring



**Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, Air Force, gestures as he testifies during a Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Air Force stripped an unprecedented 17 officers of their authority to control and, if necessary, launch nuclear missiles recently after a string of unpublicized failings, including a remarkably dim review of their unit's launch skills.**

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

commitment to the mission, which has its origins in a Cold War standoff with the former Soviet Union. Following a series of nuclear embarrassments in 2008 — including the in-

Kowalski's command was created in late 2009 as part of an effort to fix what was broken in the nuclear force. In Tuesday's interview he said he is encouraged that inspections after 2009

change.

"This is a difficult inspection," he said, so occasional failures do not point to a systemic failure to adhere to safety and security regulations. □

## US willing to engage North Korea on detainee

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. on Tuesday signaled a willingness to engage North Korea to secure the release of an American sentenced to 15 years of hard labor in the authoritarian country. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf would not say whether the U.S. might send a high-level official to Pyongyang to seek freedom for 45-year-old Kenneth Bae.

But she told reporters the U.S. is "willing to consider a number of different options to secure his release." She did not elaborate on what

those options might be.

The department also announced Tuesday that Bob King, the U.S. special envoy for North Korean human rights issues, would be traveling to northeast Asia this month, but not to North Korea itself. Bae is a tour operator and Christian missionary accused of "hostile acts" against North Korea. He has been detained nine months and was recently hospitalized.

Harf said the onus remains on the North Korean government to free Bae, who was sentenced in May. The U.S. has been calling for Pyongyang to grant am-

nesty and release him immediately. Bae requested that a high-ranking U.S. official should come to North Korea and seek a pardon for his release, according to the latest video of him in detention, posted Tuesday by Choson Sinbo, pro-North Korean newspaper based in Japan. It wasn't clear from the video whether Bae was speaking voluntarily. The most recent case of an American detained then released by North Korea was Eddie Jun, a Korean-American from California, who was freed in May 2011. He was arrested for alleged unauthorized mis-

sionary work during several business trips to the country. He was released on humanitarian grounds when the rights envoy, King, visited Pyongyang to assess the impoverished North's food situation.

The State Department said in a statement that King is traveling to China, South Korea and Japan for discussions on human rights and humanitarian issues. His visit begins in China next Monday where he'll also meet officials from the government, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Food Program. □

## Marathon suspect's friends deny obstruction charge

**BOSTON (AP)** — Two college friends of the surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect pleaded not guilty Tuesday to allegations they conspired to obstruct justice by agreeing to destroy and conceal some of their friend's belongings as he evaded authorities.

Wearing shackles and orange jail jumpsuits, both 19-year-old defendants looked happy to see family across the courtroom before emphatically entering their pleas.

Dias Kadyrbayev and Azamat Tazhayakov, both Kazakhstan nationals who shared an apartment in New Bedford, Massachusetts, became friends with bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev when they all started school at the University of Massachusetts-

Dartmouth in 2011.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is accused of setting off two bombs near the race's finish line that killed three and wounded hundreds April 15. He has pleaded not guilty.

Authorities say he was working with his older brother Tamerlan, who died during the manhunt for the suspects days later.

On April 18, Tsarnaev's friends took his laptop from his dorm room, along with a backpack that had fireworks with explosive powder and a jar of petroleum jelly, federal authorities alleged in an indictment last week.

They say Kadyrbayev had gotten a text from Tsarnaev suggesting that he could go to his dorm room and "take what's there." The



Amir Ismagulov, of Kazakhstan, center, speaks to media alongside his family and attorneys Nicholas Wooldridge, second from right, and Arkady Bukh, right, outside federal court where his son, Azamat Tazhayakov, and his son's friend, Dias Kadyrbayev, were arraigned Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013 in Boston.

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indictment also alleged that Kadyrbayev later put the backpack with the fireworks and jelly in a trash bin outside the New Bedford apartment after Tazhayakov agreed.

It also said Kadyrbayev told Tazhayakov he believed Tsarnaev had used the jelly "to make bombs."

Kadyrbayev's attorney Robert Stahl has said his client never knowingly took evidence from the dorm

room and cooperated with the FBI.

Tazhayakov's lawyer Arkady Bukh has said his client never agreed to anything when it came to disposal of the backpack with the fireworks.

Both defendants face up to 25 years in prison.

Tazhayakov's father said afterward that his son is "absolutely not guilty" and that the FBI made a mistake by arresting him. □

## Father speaks about Chechen's fatal shooting in Boston probe

**MIKE SCHNEIDER**  
Associated Press

**TAMPA, Florida (AP)** — The Chechen man who was fatally shot during questioning about ties to a Boston marathon bombing suspect would have had trouble attacking officers because he was recovering from a knee injury, lawyers for his father said Tuesday. Ibragim Todashev, 27, was killed in May while FBI agents and police questioned him at his Florida apartment about his friendship with suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

Officials originally said Todashev lunged at an agent with a knife.

They later said it was no lon-

ger clear what happened. An investigation is being led by the FBI.

At a news conference Tuesday, the lawyers said that a former detective they hired to investigate the death told them that all the agents in the room would have drawn their weapons and fired if they believed their lives were in danger — but based on their findings, they don't believe that happened.

"It was the FBI agent who shot all of the bullets," said Hassan Shibly, Tampa executive director of CAIR-Florida, a civil rights and legal organization. "If this were a survival shooting, typically all of the officers will draw their weapons." □

## Turner Field: Fan who died in fall a regular at ballgames



Ronald Homer poses for a photo. Homer, 30, fell more than 60 feet (18 meters) to his death from the upper levels of Atlanta's Turner Field onto a parking lot on Monday night, Aug. 12, 2013. Witnesses described it as an accident. An autopsy was planned. An Atlanta Braves team spokeswoman, Beth Marshall, declined to comment pending the police investigation.

(AP Photo/Ronald Home)

**JEFF MARTIN  
PHILLIP LUCAS  
Associated Press**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — A baseball fan who fell to his death from the upper deck of an Atlanta stadium spoke to his mother on the phone shortly before the accident during a game between the Atlanta Braves and the Philadelphia Phillies. It was at least the third time a sports fan has fallen from a stadium in Atlanta in the past year. The frequency of such falls around the country raises the question of whether stadiums are safe enough.

Ronald Lee Homer Jr., a 30-year-old lifelong Braves fan, spoke to his mother while waiting out a rain delay in a smoking area of the stadium. He told his mother that the rain was letting up and he was about to head to his seat for the game Monday night.

At least four witnesses told police that no one else was standing near him when he fell over a 42-inch (107-centimeter) high, fourth-level railing into a parking lot for

players.

"He said 'I love you mom, and I said 'I love you too' and that was it," his mother, Connie Homer, said in an interview on Tuesday morning.

Police said the fall appears to have been an accident and there was no indication of foul play.

A police report released Tuesday says Homer was unconscious and wasn't breathing when paramedics arrived. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

Homer didn't appear to suffer any injuries aside from ones that were associated with his fall, Fulton County Medical Office investigators said in a release. He died of blunt force trauma. Toxicology tests were pending.

The frequency of such falls around the country — including two others in Atlanta in the past year — raises the question of whether stadiums are safe enough. The Braves play the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday at Turner Field. A team

spokeswoman declined to comment on the circumstances of Homer's death, or whether safety changes were being made.

"We are saddened by this tragic incident and will continue our investigation along with the Atlanta Police Department," Braves spokeswoman Beth Marshall said in a statement. She added that the team would observe a moment of silence before Tuesday evening's game.

Connie Homer said her son followed the team through losing seasons as well as winning ones.

"It didn't matter if they were winning, losing or what — he's been a Braves fan forever," she said.

Homer, who always wore a Braves baseball hat, went to three or four games a month and watched every game that was televised, his father Ronald Homer said.

Homer grew up in Conyers, Georgia, and graduated in 2001 from Rockdale High School, where he was involved in student government. He was single, had one sister and did landscape work for a living.

"He was big hearted, just a great guy, very respectful," his mother said.

Monday's accident wasn't the first fatal fall by a fan at Turner Field, and two other people fell from heights at the city's pro football stadium in the past year. □

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## US soldier: 'Would still be a martyr' if executed

MIKE GRACZYK  
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Associated Press

**FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)** — The U.S. Army psychiatrist on trial for the 2009 shooting rampage at the Fort Hood military base told mental health experts after the attack that he "would still be a martyr" if convicted and executed by the government, according to newly released documents.

The remarks by Maj. Nidal Hasan in 2010 were published by the New York Times as military attorneys ordered to help him during his trial, which continued Tuesday at the Texas base, insist that he wants jurors to sentence him to death.

Hasan told a panel of mental health experts that he wished he had been killed in the attack because it would have meant God had chosen him for martyrdom, according to documents given to the newspaper by Hasan's former lead attorney.

Hasan, an American-born Muslim, was left paralyzed from the waist down after Fort Hood police officers ended the rampage by shooting him in the back. "I'm paraplegic and could be in jail for the rest of my life," Hasan told the panel, according to the documents. "However, if I died by lethal injection, I would still be a martyr."

The documents, part of a report that concluded Hasan was fit to stand trial,

were given to the newspaper by John Galligan, who now serves as Hasan's civil attorney after his client dismissed him from the criminal case two years ago. Galligan did not immediately return phone messages Tuesday from The Associated Press.

Hasan, 42, is acting as his own attorney but has sat mostly silent as witnesses described a bloody, chaotic scene and identified him as the shooter. That enabled prosecutors to zip

dence, including 146 shell casings and six magazines, inside the medical building where the shootings took place.

In one area, Martin testified, "There were several bodies. ... There was medical equipment all over the floor. It was a pretty gruesome scene."

She said agents eventually ran out of numeric markers and had to use sticky notes.

Jurors also were shown a video taken during the



**In this courtroom sketch, military prosecutor Col. Steve Henricks, right, speaks as Nidal Malik Hasan, center, and presiding judge Col. Tara Osborn look on during Hasan's court-martial.** (AP Photo/Brigitte Woosley)

through more than 60 witnesses in only four days. But the pace slowed Tuesday as prosecutors shifted their focus to forensic evidence, with testimony revealing that FBI agents found so much evidence at the crime scene that they ran out of markers.

FBI Special Agent Susan Martin told jurors that she and other agents found hundreds of pieces of evi-

initial walkthrough of the building, which had been crowded with soldiers preparing to deploy, and some crime scene photos. The photos were not displayed for the entire courtroom, which included journalists and victims' relatives in the gallery.

The judge, Col. Tara Osborn, also said she was not allowing prosecutors to show anyone the most

graphic photos "that focus unnecessarily on the deceased."

Hasan, once again, asked no questions and raised no objections Tuesday. He was able to see the photos and the video on a monitor at the defense counsel's table, but he appeared to have no visible reaction.

The military attorneys who have been ordered to help Hasan insist that he is intentionally not mounting a defense to ensure himself a death sentence. The standby lawyers have said such a strategy is "repugnant," and they unsuccessfully asked Osborn to either let them take over Hasan's defense or minimize their advisory roles.

Hasan has called those accusations a "twist of the facts," but he has allowed the attorneys to pursue an appeal of the judge's refusal at the Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

The statements he made in 2010, a year after the attack, were contained in a 49-page report of a military panel known as a sanity board, according to the New York Times. That board concluded Hasan was fit to stand trial.

Galligan said Army prosecutors were given a summary of the report but had not seen the newly released pages, according to the newspaper. Galligan has previously released other documents at Hasan's request to Fox News. □

## AP: Iowa plant drops its horse slaughter plan

GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

**LINCOLN, Nebraska (AP)** — An Iowa company is dropping plans to slaughter horses in the wake of a federal judge's ruling that temporarily banned the practice as animal welfare groups challenge it in court, a company executive said Tuesday.

Keaton Walker, the president of Responsible Transportation, told The Associated Press Tuesday that the company can't afford to wait for more deliberations in court.

A federal judge issued a restraining order earlier this month in a lawsuit brought by the Humane Society of the United States and other groups against the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The case has sparked an emotional national debate about how best to deal with the tens of thousands of wild, unwanted and abandoned horses across the country.

Walker's company had been given federal approval to slaughter horses at the company's Iowa plant starting Aug. 1. Walker said his Iowa plant will instead convert to a beef-only operation and seek new federal approval.

"We just can't sit with our heads down," Walker said.

"We have to get back to work. Our main focus now is going to be beef." □



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## Heinz to cut Pittsburgh and Canada jobs

**KEVIN BEGOS**  
**Associated Press**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Food company H.J. Heinz Co. is eliminating 600 jobs across the U.S. and in Canada, including 350 in Pittsburgh, nearly a third of its operation there, it said Tuesday. The company was sold in June and the layoffs were the result of a review of operations, spokesman Michael Mullen said. They're intended to enable faster decision-making, increased accountability and accelerated growth, he said. Mullen said that as part of the transition to a private company, the Heinz leadership "examined every piece of our business to better position Heinz in a very competitive global market" and that review "resulted in a number of difficult but necessary organizational changes." Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and the Brazilian investment firm 3G Capital bought the company in a \$23.3 billion deal. Bernardo Hees was named Heinz's new CEO. He took over from William Johnson, who received a golden parachute of \$56 million, in addition to \$156.7 million in vested stock and deferred compensation he accrued over his career.

Heinz is offering severance packages and outplacement services to people who lost jobs, Mullen said. □

## US Financial Front:

### American retail spending ticks up again in July

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. retail sales edged up in July despite a drop in auto sales. A category of purchases that excludes the most volatile areas rose by the most in seven months, a sign that consumer spending could boost economic growth in the coming months. The Commerce Department said Tuesday that retail sales increased 0.2 percent in July from June. Sales had risen 0.6 percent in June from May on a surge in auto sales.

"Core" retail sales, which exclude the volatile auto, gas and building supply categories, rose 0.5 percent in July. It was the biggest such gain since a similar increase in December. Retail sales are closely watched because they're the government's first report each month on consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

Tuesday's report is "consistent with a decent acceleration" in consumer spending in the current July-September quarter, said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

Dales suggested that consumer spending, which rose at an annual rate of 1.8 percent in the April-June quarter, could grow at a 2.5 percent annual

rate or better in the current July-September quarter.

"Households may be spending a bit more freely in response to the recent gains in employment, equity prices, house prices and the modest loosening

ed higher pump prices. Excluding gasoline, retail sales would have risen 0.1 percent in July. Sales at clothing stores rose 0.9 percent, and they increased 0.6 percent at grocery stores and restau-

roughly 2.5 percent. Optimism stems, in part, from the notion that consumer spending will strengthen for the remainder of the year as the effects of this year's tax increases and spending cuts



Back-to school fashions are displayed at American Eagle Outfitters in New York's Times Square. U.S. retail sales edged up in July despite a slight dip in auto sales.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

in credit," Dales said. Sales at department stores rose 0.6 percent in July, rebounding from a 1.2 percent drop in June. A broader category of general merchandise, which covers big retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target, rose 0.4 percent after no change in June. Purchases at gasoline stations rose 0.9 percent, an increase that partly reflect-

rants. At furniture stores, sales fell 1.4 percent. Purchases at building supply and appliance stores also weakened.

The U.S. economy grew at lackluster annual rates of 1.1 percent in the January-March quarter and 1.7 percent in the April-June quarter. But many economists think growth will rebound in the second half of the year to an annual rate of

start to fade. Economists also think consistently improving home sales and higher stock prices will make people feel more comfortable spending money in stores. Steady job growth will help, too. In July, the unemployment rate fell to a 4½-year low of 7.4 percent, from 7.6 percent in June, though employers added only a modest 162,000 jobs. □



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## Israel frees 26 Palestinian prisoners before talks

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Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel released 26 Palestinian inmates, including many convicted in grisly killings, on the eve of renewed Mideast negotiations, angering families of those slain by the prisoners, who were welcomed as heroes in the West Bank and Gaza. Buses carrying the inmates departed the Ayalon prison in central Israel late Tuesday, a nighttime release that was aimed at preventing the spectacle of prisoners flashing victory signs as has happened in the past. Relatives of the victims, many with their hands painted red to symbolize what they say is the blood on the hands of the inmates, held protests

throughout the day, and some protesters tried briefly to block the buses from leaving.

The decision to release the men stirred anguish in Israel, where many Israelis view them as terrorists. Most of the prisoners were convicted of killings, including Israeli civilians, soldiers and suspected Palestinian collaborators, while others were involved in attempted murder or kidnapping. Celebrations erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where thousands of Palestinian well-wishers awaited the buses' arrival. Palestinians generally view the prisoners as heroes regardless of their acts, arguing they made personal sacrifices in the struggle for independence.

Fireworks lit the sky in Gaza, where rival Hamas and Fatah supporters, including several masked gunmen, celebrated to the beat of drums. Some danced while others flashed victory signs

tionalistic songs.

"Today is a day of joy and happiness. I can't wait until I hug my beloved son," said Aicha Abu Setta, the 68-year-old mother of freed prisoner Alla Abu Setta.



Israelis hold signs outside the Ayalon prison as they demand the release of the Israelis convicted for killing Palestinians, near the town of Ramle, Israel, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013. Hebrew posters read, "If Arab murderers are released, why Jewish prisoners aren't released," top left, and "Release the Jewish prisoners."

(AP Photo/Dan Balilty)

and waved flags of the Palestinian factions. Cars with loudspeakers blasted na-

"I am so excited that he will be free and he will spend his first night among us af-

ter more than 20 years," she said, clutching a picture of her 43-year-old son, who was arrested in 1994, charged, along with his cousin, of killing a soldier.

Tuesday's release was part of an agreement brokered by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to get Israel and the Palestinians back to the table for peace talks that had been paralyzed since 2008. In all, 104 convicts are to be released in four batches, although their freedom is contingent on progress in peace talks.

Israelis and Palestinians are to launch talks in Jerusalem on Wednesday, following a preparatory round two weeks ago in Washington. Among those released Tuesday was a Palestinian convicted in the 1994 slaying of Isaac Rotenberg, a 69-year-old Holocaust survivor who was attacked with an ax as he was working at a construction site where he was a contractor. □

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## Restrained mourning for Dutch Prince Friso

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — The Dutch mourned the death of Prince Friso on Tuesday by placing flowers outside the royal palace, a discreet show of sorrow fitting for a man who avoided publicity and surrendered his place in the line of succession to marry his wife.

Frison died Monday at age 44, of complications from a skiing accident in early 2012 that left his brain badly damaged.

He never regained more than minimal consciousness.

He is survived by his wife, Princess Mabel, and two school-age daughters.

Well-wishers signed condolence registers and left flowers outside Palace Huis ten Bosch in The Hague, where members of the roy-



Guards receive flowers in memory of Prince Friso at the gates of Palace Huis ten Bosch, in The Hague, Netherlands, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013.

(AP Photo/ Vincent Jannink)

al family have gathered to grieve.

Friso, the second son of former Queen Beatrix, gave up any claim to the throne in order to marry Mabel Wisse Smit in 2004.

The couple decided to forgo seeking the parliamentary approval necessary for a royal marriage after the pair failed to disclose details of Smit's friendship with a drug lord years earlier. □

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## Boko Haram militants massacre 44 in Nigeria mosque

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Associated Press

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)**

Suspected Islamic militants wearing army fatigues gunned down 44 people praying at a mosque in northeast Nigeria, while another 12 civilians died in an apparently simultaneous attack, security agents confirmed Tuesday.

Sunday's attacks were the latest in a slew of violence blamed on religious extremists in this West African oil producer, where the radical Boko Haram group, which wants to oust the government and impose Islamic law, poses the greatest security threat in years.

It was not immediately clear why the Islamic Boko Haram would have killed worshipping Muslims, but the group has in the past attacked mosques whose clerics have spoken out against religious extremism. Boko Haram also has attacked Christians outside churches and teachers and schoolchildren, as well as government and military targets.

Since 2010, the militants have been blamed for the killings of more than 1,700 people, according to a count conducted by The Associated Press.

The news about Sunday's violence in Borno state, one of three in the northeast under a military state of emergency, came as

journalists received a video featuring Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau, who gloats over recent attacks, threatens more, and even says his group is now strong enough to go after the United States.

The mosque slayings occurred Sunday morning in Konduga town, 35 kilome-

ters (22 miles) outside Maiduguri, the capital of Nigeria's Borno state.

A state security service agent and Usman Musa, a member of a civilian militia that works with the military, said Monday they counted the bodies at the mosque after the attack. Musa said four members of

his group — known as the Civilian Joint Task Force — also were killed when they reached Konduga and encountered "fierce resistance from heavily armed terrorists."

Musa and the security service agent said the attackers wore military camouflage uniforms used by the

Nigerian army, which they may have acquired in one of their attacks on military bases.

On their way back from Konduga, the security forces came upon the scene of another attack at Ngom village, 5 kilometers (3 miles) outside Maiduguri, where Musa said he counted 12 bodies of civilians.

Twenty-six worshippers at the mosque were hospitalized with gunshot wounds, said a security guard at the emergency ward of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital. He and the state security agent both spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to give information to reporters.

Nigeria declared a state of emergency in much of the northeast on May 14 to fight the onslaught after Boko Haram fighters took over several northeastern towns and villages in this nation of more than 160 million people, which is divided almost equally between the predominantly Muslim north and the mainly Christian south. □



Nigerian Muslims walk past an uncompleted mosque in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Suspected Islamic militants wearing army fatigues gunned down 44 people praying at a mosque in northeast Nigeria, while another 12 civilians died in an apparently simultaneous attack, security agents confirmed Tuesday Aug. 13, 2013.

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

## UK police charge 2 over soldier death video

**LONDON (AP)** — British police have charged two people for publishing a video which they say revels in the death of soldier Lee Rigby, who was hacked to death in a gruesome terror attack on May 22.

In a statement, London's Metropolitan Police said that 21-year-old Rebekah Dawson and 22-year-old Royal Barnes were accused of encouraging of terrorism with a video entitled "Muslim laughs at British Soldier killing" pub-

lished around time of Rigby's death.

Laws passed after the 2005 London transit bombings ban anything that "glorifies the commission or preparation" of terrorist acts, a crime punishable by up to seven years in

prison, a fine, or both. Dawson and Barnes also face charges of disseminating terrorist publications and inciting terrorism overseas respectively. Lawyers for the two could not immediately be located Tuesday. □

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## Eurozone turning a corner as recession set to end

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — The recession that's gripped the eurozone since late 2011 is likely over.

On Wednesday official figures are expected to show that economic growth among the 17 countries that use the euro inched up 0.2 percent in the April-June quarter compared with the previous quarter. The increase is slight. But it would end six straight quarters of a debilitating recession — the longest to afflict the single-currency bloc since its creation in 1999.

And it would represent an encouraging sign for other economies, including the United States, the world's largest, because the eurozone is the world's biggest trading bloc. The eurozone's recession held back growth in the United States, Japan and elsewhere as European consumers and businesses spent less on goods from those nations. "Concerns about the eurozone were causing a lot of companies to put investment on hold," said Da-

vid Owen, chief European economist at Jefferies International.

The eurozone's recession was a byproduct of the debt crisis that engulfed the currency union in 2010. The crisis forced debt-laden governments to impose painful cuts, spooked investors and raised doubts about the viability of the eurozone. Shrunken government spending and higher taxes devastated living standards in much of the eurozone, slowed economies and drove the bloc's unemployment rate to a record 12.1 percent.

The austerity programs embraced by the most troubled eurozone countries contrast with more expansionary efforts in the United States. The Federal Reserve has also been more active than the European Central Bank in helping the economy. It drove borrowing rates to record lows once the financial crisis erupted in 2008. Ultra-low U.S. rates helped boost stock prices and home sales. U.S. unemployment has dropped to 7.4 percent from 10 per-



A man pays for his lunch at a market bar in Madrid, Spain, on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013. After six quarters of a debilitating recession that has seen unemployment surge to record highs and public services cut, the eurozone is on the cusp of recovery. Official figures due on upcoming Wednesday are expected to show that the economy of the 17 European Union countries that use the euro grew by a quarterly rate of 0.2 percent in the April to June period.

(AP Photo/Daniel Ochoa de Olza)

cent in late 2009 despite a subpar economic recovery. In recent months, the picture has brightened in Europe as well as governments have shifted their focus away from debt reduction. Industrial production is rising. Consumer

spending has stabilized. Exports have increased as key trade partners, including the United States and Japan, strengthen.

Confidence has also recovered as stock and bond markets have rallied. That's partly due to the European Central Bank's pledge a year ago to do "whatever it takes" to save the currency union and its decision to cut its main interest rate to a record low of 0.5 percent.

In Spain and Italy, for example, government borrowing rates have sunk in the past year, a sign of investor con-

fidence. Analysts expect Wednesday's figures to show improvement in both countries, though both are likely to have remained in recession.

Investors have bid up stock prices in key eurozone countries this year. Stock indexes in two major economies — France and Spain — have reached 52-week highs. France's CAC 40 stock index has jumped 12 percent this year and Spain's IBEX 7 percent. Germany's DAX index is up nearly 10 percent this year and Italy's FTSE MIB nearly 7 percent. □

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## Pope Francis hosts soccer great Messi, other players

**FRANCES D'EMILIO**  
**Associated Press**

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Francis cheered fellow Argentine Lionel Messi and other soccer stars Tuesday as he led a morality-focused pep rally of sorts at the Vatican for Argentina and Italy's national teams ahead of their eagerly awaited friendly match.

Francis, the first pontiff from Latin America, is an avid soccer fan who roots for the Saints of San Lorenzo back in Buenos Aires. Since his election as pope in March he has accumulated a growing collection of soccer jerseys tossed to him by fans at his public appearances. He got two more on Tuesday: an Argentine and an Italian team jersey, each one signed by the players.

Barcelona star Messi, his teammates on the Argentine national soccer squad, as well as Italy's national team players were treated to a private audience with Francis in the Apostolic Palace ahead of Wednesday's rare match, which is being played in tribute to the new pope.

Francis gracefully dodged the question of whether he'd offer a papal blessing for his home country's team. "It will really be a bit difficult for me to root, but luckily it's a friendly match" whose outcome doesn't count in the standings, he said.

The pontiff noted the in-

fluence of athletes, especially on youth, and told the players to remember that, "for better or worse" they are role models. "Dear players, you are very popular. People follow you, and not just on the field but also off it," he said. "That's a social responsibility."

The pope reminisced about going to soccer matches with his family as a youngster, and expressed concern about violence and discrimination in the sport, which he suggested keeps many families from attending the competitions today.

Many soccer matches in Europe have been marred by brawling among fans as well as racist chants against players of African and other descent.

One of Italy's national team members, Mario Balotelli, who is black and has been the target of fans' racism, was the only player to get private time with the pope. Francis and the striker spoke together in a small room off the sumptuous Clementine Hall where the audience was held.

A Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, said Balotelli looked "emotional" after their talk but that the player declined to say what he discussed with Francis. On Monday, Balotelli remarked that perhaps the pope might offer him special greetings because of his birthday this week.

Italian national coach

Claudio Cesare Prandelli said he didn't get the chance to invite Francis to Wednesday's game.

"He anticipated my question," Prandelli said after the gathering. "He said

he has received so many requests" to attend the game, but indicated that the Vatican security apparatus gave the thumbs-down. Prandelli said Francis told him that Vatican secu-

rity officials scold him "for being so undisciplined," a reference to the pope's frequent breaches of protocol when he embraces the faithful in crowds or shuns bullet-proof vehicles.

The pope also asked the players to pray for him, "so that I, on the 'field' upon which God placed me, can play an honest and courageous game for the good of us all."

Such a plea made quite an impression on Italy's captain, goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who handed Francis an autographed soccer ball.

"He's warmed up the hearts again of all the faithful who might have drifted away" from the church during past papacies, Buffon said. □



Pope Francis is applauded by Italy goalie Gianluigi Buffon, left, and Argentine soccer star Lionel Messi during a private audience at the Vatican, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013.

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# Fidel Castro turns 87 behind closed doors

**PETER ORSI**  
Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — Fidel Castro turned 87 behind closed doors Tuesday, with official tributes in state media serving as a reminder that the clock is ticking on his revolutionary generation's grip on power.

Castro stepped down as president following a near-fatal illness in 2006, and his successor, younger brother Raul, has said that his current term ending in 2018 will be his last, ostensibly ending nearly six decades of rule by the brothers.

Openly acknowledging to Cubans that change was inevitable, Raul Castro in February named Miguel Diaz-Canel, 53, as his deputy and heir apparent.

"You never talked about it until Raul said it recently. It was like something taboo," Rey Nunez, a 42-year-old driver, said of generational leadership change. "But I think the institutions in this country are solid for whatever comes afterward."

Fidel Castro has made only a couple of public appearances this year, and last month he skipped celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Cuban Revolution that were attended by several allied heads of state.

He last was seen pictured with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in late July. In April he paid an emotional visit to a Havana school where he invited

staffers to listen to a song eulogizing friend and ally Hugo Chavez, who died of cancer the previous month.

There's no evidence that Castro's health is in immediate danger, though his advancing age is evident in the images published through official channels.

"When you see Fidel now,

take it anymore."

Raul Castro is in the middle of social and economic reforms that have expanded independent small-business activity and eased travel restrictions, among other things, though some criticize them as half-measures.

Paul Webster Hare, a lecturer in international rela-

tions at Boston University and British ambassador to Cuba from 2001 to 2004, said while it seems clear that Raul Castro is firmly in charge, Fidel's presence acts as a brake on the pace of change.

"I don't know why he's still alive," said Ahmed Medina, 28, who left Cuba when he was 7. His family once owned a successful transportation company but lost it after the 1959 revolution.

"To me, he's dead or dying," Medina said. □



A poster of Cuba's Fidel Castro hangs on the wall of a food market next to plate that reads in Spanish "I'm looking at you" in Havana, Cuba, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013. Castro turned 87 on Tuesday behind closed doors. (AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

you realize the calendar is irreversible," said Dayren Silva, a 53-year-old mechanic. "Sometimes I'm very worried that the day he closes his eyes definitely it could be a debacle here, because the situation is so difficult that I don't think Cubans can

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## Taiwan leader starts Caribbean tour with Haiti

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou and Haiti's President Michel Martelly celebrated the official start of construction Tuesday on a new Supreme Court building to replace the one destroyed in the Haitian capital in a devastating January 2010 earthquake.

The two presidents laid the ceremonial first stone during Ma's one-day visit to Haiti, the first in a trip to the Caribbean and South America. Martelly thanked Taiwan for its support for reconstruction, including nearly \$16 million for the courthouse being built in a neo-colonial style near the grounds of the National Palace, which was also destroyed in the quake. The courthouse is expected to take about two years to complete and is being built by Taipei-based construction company OECC.

This was the first visit by a Taiwanese president to Haiti, and Martelly told reporters that he asked Ma to encourage Taiwanese companies to invest in Haiti. He also asked for support to help improve the impoverished country's agricultural sector. Haiti is one of 23 countries to recognize the self-governing island of Taiwan. Mainland China considers Taiwan part of its territory and objects to diplomatic recognition of Taipei by other governments. □

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Aruba Experience Magazine Director Susan Ruiter began the Colors of Aruba project a year ago. "Every destination has its own wave of colors; it is not about a specific color but the relations that exist amongst them that enables us to create and recall memories of places and situations. What are the colors of Aruba? According to Susan Ruiter: "The beauty of Aruba can be appreciated through its colors vice-versa and this goes beyond the typical sun, sand, and sea... it can be found around every corner, on the walls, it's wildlife, its fauna, its people and visitors."

Trina Stevenson is an expat from the United States living on the island of Aruba. After coming to Aruba almost 4 years ago as a professional portrait photographer and graphic designer, Stevenson fell in love with Aruba's vibrant landscape. The local colors inspired her to capture the beauty around her that is our island. She has come to know Aruba as a "photographer's paradise". Stevenson feels that Aruba is the perfect backdrop to almost any photographic situation. "There is so much beauty and color to be found around every corner, you only have to walk out your front door," she adds.

Susan Ruiter, graduated from the University of Aruba and with experience in the tourism industry. She is an active traveler and studied professional photography in Colombia. Susan now manages Aruba's largest and longest running tourist magazine. "Aruba was the first destination out of my country and I recall arriving in Aruba and stepping off the plane for the first time. It was beautiful and so unique, how everything unfolded like magic. It left an impression on me that still inspires my perception of the place I am now fortunate to call home. Today is the result of that moment and the beauty I experienced" she says.

Eduardo Valbuena spends his days wearing many hats: graphic designer, art director, artist, musician,

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lic. During the event the drive way to Moomba will be closed at the entrance near Paseo Herencia and visitors will be directed to the parking lot of Tony Roma's Restaurant from which a short cut will lead to Moomba Beach. There will

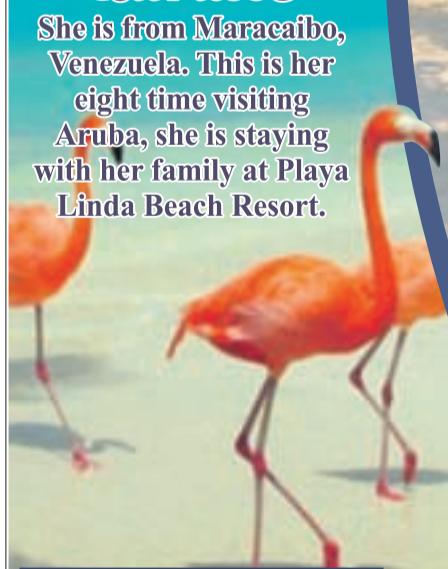
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### Beauty On The Beach

#### Schirley Lurussa

She is from Maracaibo, Venezuela. This is her eighth time visiting Aruba, she is staying with her family at Playa Linda Beach Resort.



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### HBO announces September highlights in the Caribbean!



**The Dark Knight Rises** (Warner Bros. Pictures) – Gotham city's streets are clean and ridded of criminals and Batman (Christian Bale) is just a memoir. Bane (Tom Hardy) has come to collect revenge against a Batman in no shape for the battle. Could this be the end for the Dark Knight? Also starring Anne Hathaway as the cunning cat burglar. Directed by Christopher Nolan.

**The Artist** (Warner Bros.) – Hollywood, 1927. The actor Georges Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is a silent movie star, but his career gets threatened by the coming of sound movies. While he struggles to save his career, Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo), an extra of his movies climbs up to the top of fame. Directed by Michel Hazanavicius.

**Brave** (Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures) – The impulsive Mérida, King Fergus and Queen Elinor's daughter, is a free soul, very skillful with the bow and the arrow. When her mother tells her that the moment to choose a husband has come, Mérida challenges the tradition and puts in risk the whole kingdom. Directed by Mark Andrews, Brenda Chapman and Steve Purcell.

**Something Borrowed** (Warner Bros.) – On her 30th birthday, Rachel (Ginnifer Goodwin) has an affair with Dex (Colin Egglesfield), her best friend Darcy's (Kate Hudson) fiancé. Everything gets messy when Dex confesses his real feelings to Rachel, leading her to make a choice between friendship and love. Directed by Luke Greenfield. □

## Weekly shopping night continues at The Shops At Alhambra

**PUNTO BRABO** - The Shops at Alhambra continues with its weekly shopping night this Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>! Aruba in general and our visitors will enjoy nighttime shopping while taking advantage of the many discounts and gifts we have to offer.

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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Yelena Isinbayeva gets pole vault gold at worlds

RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Never count out Yelena Isinbayeva, especially when she is performing before a rapturous home crowd at the world championships.

Five years after her last major outdoor pole vault victory, the Russian turned back the clock with a vintage performance to beat Olympic champion Jenn Suhr with a leap of 4.89 meters, her best outdoor effort in four years.

"I won because I was at home," Isinbayeva said. "It was my home stadium, my home crowd."

The fans at Luzhniki Stadium on Tuesday provided Isinbayeva with far bigger cheers than even Usain Bolt received as he beat Suhr and bronze medalist Yarisley Silva by 7 centimeters.

The roar was as much amazement as encouragement.

"From the greatest, you should always expect great things. Never count them out," Silva said. "You have to take a bow to her feats."

When Silva missed her final



Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva clears the bar to win gold in the women's pole vault final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013.

Associated Press

attempt, Isinbayeva set off racing across the track, fists pumping the air. Suddenly, all the troubles of the past half-decade fell off her broad, muscled shoulders. "I had many difficulties, many injuries, and so I am proud of myself that I was able to overcome all these things and be world champion today," Isinbayeva said.

Right after clinching gold, she jumped over the advertising boards to hug Yevgeny Trofimov, the coach of her youth who returned to revive her career ahead of last year's London Olympics.

She was still recovering from injury in London, but said "if we had Olympics in Moscow last year, the result would be different."

"He is a genuine coach," she said, crediting Trofimov with her comeback victory. "He resurrected me." It paid off on Russia's biggest night of the championships.

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Victoria Azarenka, of Belarus, returns a volley to Vania King, of the United States, during a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, in Mason, Ohio.

Associated Press

MARK SCHMETZER

Associated Press

**MASON, Ohio (AP)** — Second-seeded Victoria Azarenka held off an upset bid

by qualifier Vania King to pull out a 6-1, 7-6 (6) win Tuesday and advance to the third round of the Western & Southern Open.

### Azarenka holds off King at Western & Southern

The second-ranked Azarenka rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the second set to force the tiebreaker against the 140th-ranked American.

Azarenka, who has been bothered by a lower back injury, won her first match since losing to Samantha Stosur in the finals of the Southern California Open two weeks ago.

"I think the beginning of the second set wasn't very good for me," Azarenka

said. "There were quite a few unforced errors and just really fast mistakes, which didn't happen in the first set."

In men's second-round play, third-seeded David Ferrer edged 102nd-ranked Ryan Harrison 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-4, Grigor Dimitrov defeated Brian Baker 6-3, 6-2 and John Isner downed Florian Mayer 6-3, 6-4.

Varvara Lepchenko of the United States advanced with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 win

over Flavia Pennetta, and Jamie Hampton needed three sets to overcome Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Alize Cornet rallied past Ana Ivanovic 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

Sorana Cirstea, the 21st-ranked Romanian who lost to No. 1 Serena Williams in the finals of the Rogers Cup in Toronto on Sunday, withdrew from her first-round match against Yanina Wickmayer. □

# PGA champ Jason Dufner back on Manhattan rooftops

MELISSA MURPHY  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The last time Jason Dufner was on a Manhattan rooftop, he was down on one knee proposing to his future wife. On Tuesday, Dufner was hoisting the PGA Championship trophy on top of the Empire State Building, two days after winning his first major.

The Alabama golfer proposed at a restaurant overlooking the Hudson River amid fireworks on the Fourth of July in 2011.

"It was very romantic," Amanda Dufner said. "He is not a romantic person at all, so I was very shocked." She was on the green to embrace him Sunday after the final round at Oak Hill in Pittsford, New York. Amanda said her stoic husband, who managed to crack a smile and pump his fist after the victory, didn't say much.

"It was so crazy, it all just

kind of flew by," she said. "We were both kind of in shock. I told him he deserved it, it was his time." Dufner beat Jim Furyk by two strokes, capping a week in which he shot a 63 in the second round to tie a major championship record.

"I was just excited that the round was over and that I was going to be able to lift the trophy," said Dufner, with a laugh. "It was a long week, you've really got to grind. You're really exhausted by the end of it."

The 36-year-old Dufner earned a measure of redemption after blowing a four-shot lead at the 2011 PGA Championship in Atlanta and losing in a playoff to Keegan Bradley.

"I had a chance to win the thing," he said. "I was just hoping I'd have another chance to win one."

In the final round, he drew on the lessons from his other majors.



Jason Dufner, right, 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament winner, poses with the championship trophy in the wind and rain on the observation deck of the Empire State Building on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013 in New York.

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"The experience of being in that situation, knowing how you're going to feel, how the field is going to respond, how the golf course

is going to play, what shots you're going to need," Dufner said. "All that stuff adds up."

Coming up for Dufner are

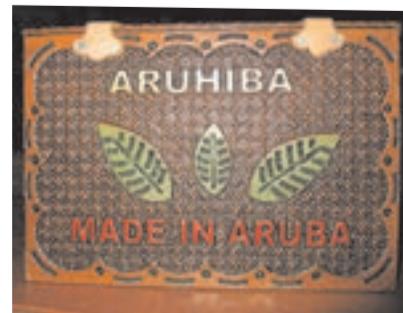
the FedEx Cup playoffs and the President's Cup in October. But before then, he and his wife will take a vacation and hit the beach. □

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## Yelena Isinbayeva

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Isinbayeva even went for a world record at 5.07 meters but, as night closed in, that was too much, even for a woman who had set 28 of them, indoors and outdoors, over the last decade.

Still, at 31 she was jumping for joy like a teenager, somersaulting on the track, leaping in the arms of the mascot and hugging like never before, upstaging even Bolt and his usual showboating antics.

Now, Isinbayeva is taking time off to start a family after the season, she said, but promises she could be back, possibly for the 2016 Olympics.

"I will take a break to have a baby next year and then I will try to come back for Rio. If I am able to come back, I will be in Rio definitely," she said.

However unlikely that would seem, few expected her to win gold in Moscow, too.

But family was a theme on Tuesday as the Eatons finished their working honeymoon in Russia, ever so close to making it a double-gold celebration.

Brienne Theisen Eaton of Canada failed to sufficiently shake off Ganna Melnychenko in the final 800-meter race of the heptathlon and finished with a silver medal two days after her husband, Ashton Eaton, won gold in the decathlon.

After two days of competition, Theisen Eaton no longer had the legs to create a decisive gap ahead of Melnychenko. And while the Ukrainian went celebrating wrapped in her national flag, Theisen Eaton wrapped herself in the warmest of embraces of



United States' Lashawn Merritt competes to win the men's 400-meter final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013.

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her smiling husband. One month after marriage, they proved it was a near-perfect competitive match as she gained her first global medal.

"I always watch him and watch him get his medals and think, I wonder what that feels like," Theisen Eaton said. "Now I'm getting a little taste of it."

Melnichenko won her first major competition with 6,586 points, compared to 6,530 for Theisen Eaton. Dafne Schippers of the Netherlands took bronze. With the work done, the Eatons can now think about celebrating their marriage together.

"We're contemplating on

the honeymoon," Theisen Eaton said. "Now would be the perfect time to go lay on the beach."

The United States had to take a back seat to Russia on Tuesday but still got a huge boost when LaShawn Merritt reclaimed the world title in the men's 400, pulling away from the pack early and winning by more than half a second.

Merritt crossed in 43.74 seconds, the fastest time of the year.

At the end of Day 4, the United States leads with 10 medals overall and four gold, ahead of Russia with six overall and three gold. For sheer surprise, 19-year-old Ethiopian Mohammed

Aman came through in the 800 final, rushing past American rival Nick Symmonds to take gold.

Defending world and Olympic champion David Rudisha was out injured, but considering Aman already beat the Kenyan twice, who knows what the outcome could have been.

Earlier, Olympic champion Robert Harting of Germany was again up to his shirt-ripping best and won his third straight discus world title, beating Piotr Malachowski of Poland for gold.

Malachowski had ended Harting's winning streak at 35 meets early in the season but the German still came up big at the most

important moment of the season.

The host nation also got a big boost from its walkers, even if it came with a twist. Thinking she had already won the 20-kilometer gold medal, Elena Lashmanova came to almost a complete stop with one stadium lap to go.

A judge egged her on again and Lashmanova soon got moving again and held on to first place to lead a Russian 1-2 finish.

Russia even had eyes on a sweep but Vera Sokolova was disqualified with about 500 meters to go, leaving Liu Hong of China to take bronze behind Anisya Kirdyapkina. □

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## NL Capsules

# Hamels throws 6-hitter, Phillies beat Braves 5-1

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Cole Hamels took a shutout into the ninth inning and Cody Asche hit a three-run homer as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves 5-1 Monday in a game overshadowed by a fatal fall at Turner Field.

A police spokesman said a man died after falling more than 60 feet from an upper-level platform to a parking lot. He said the fall occurred before 9 p.m. and appeared to be an accident.

Hamels (5-13) struck out nine with one walk while allowing six hits and one run as the Phillies snapped a streak of 11 straight road losses. Asche, a left-handed hitter, pulled a fastball from Julio Teheran (9-6) about three rows deep into the right-field seats in the sixth inning.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel earned his 1,000th career win.

### DODGERS 4, METS 2

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Adrian Gonzalez scored the go-ahead run on Yas-

iel Puig's sacrifice fly that capped a three-run sixth inning, helping Los Angeles beat New York for its sixth straight victory.

The Dodgers improved to 38-8 since June 22, the franchise's best 46-game stretch in the modern era that began in 1900. The 1899 Brooklyn Superbas had 38 wins in several 46-game stretches between April and June. Gonzalez went 3 for 4 and drove in a run for the seventh straight game, the longest RBI streak on the team this season. Ricky Nolasco (9-9) extended his winning streak to four. Kenley Jansen got the final four outs to earn his 18th save in 21 chances. Jenrry Mejia (1-2) gave up three runs — two earned — and six hits in six innings as the Mets' two-game winning streak ended.

### REDS 2, CUBS 0

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Mat Latos allowed six hits in eight innings, and Brandon Phillips hit a two-run homer in the seventh to lead Cincinnati over All-Star Travis



Philadelphia Phillies third baseman Cody Asche (25) celebrates with manager Charlie Manuel, right, after hitting a three-run home run in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves in Atlanta, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.

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Wood and Chicago.

Latos (12-3) struck out nine for the Reds, who are 13-1 in their last 14 games at Wrigley Field and gained a half-game on idle Pittsburgh and St. Louis in the NL Central.

Aroldis Chapman struck out the side in the ninth in-

ning for his 28th save in 32 tries to hand the Cubs their third straight home shutout loss. They have gone 32 2-3 innings without a run at Wrigley Field.

Phillips provided all the offense with his 15th homer of the season.

Wood (7-9) also went eight

innings and allowed Phillips' homer among four hits.

### ROCKIES 14, PADRES 2

**DENVER (AP)** — Jhoulys Chacin pitched eight solid innings and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, leading Colorado past San Diego on a rainy night for its fourth consecutive victory. □

## AL Capsules

# Yu Darvish was perfect against the Astros

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Yu Darvish was nearly perfect against the Astros once again, taking a no-hit bid into the eighth inning and striking out a career-high 15 to lead the Texas Rangers over Houston 2-1 Monday for their eighth straight win. Darvish (12-5) dominated the Astros until Carlos Corporan lined a home run into the right-field seats with one out in the eighth for Houston's only hit. Until the homer, Houston's lone runner came when rookie Jonathan Villar drew

a two-out walk in the sixth. A pitch before the walk, Texas catcher A.J. Pierzynski was ejected for arguing with plate umpire Ron Kulpa on a breaking ball he called low.

In early April, Darvish was one out away from a perfect game at Minute Maid Park before Marwin Gonzalez singled between his legs.

Darvish exited after the eighth, having increased his major league-leading strikeout total to 207. Joe Nathan pitched a per-

fect ninth for his 35th save. Brett Oberholtzer (2-1) took the loss.

**YANKEES 2, ANGELS 1**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Minus Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees used a pair of relievers to close out the Los Angeles Angels and preserve the win for Hiroki Kuroda.

Kuroda (11-7) tossed three-hit ball for eight shutout innings.

Rivera was given the night off after blowing three straight save chances, including one Sunday. Fans

chanted "We want Mo!" after Boone Logan relieved to begin the ninth and allowed a leadoff single to J.B. Shuck. Yankees manager Joe Girardi said after the game that he wanted to give Rivera a night off after the career saves leader pitched three times in the past five days.

David Robertson struck out Mark Trumbo and ex-Yankee Chris Nelson with the bases loaded for his first save this season.

Garrett Richards (3-4) took the loss. □



Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish, of Japan, delivers a pitch against the Houston Astros in the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, in Houston. Darvish pitched seven and one-third inning before giving up a hit, a solo homer to Carlos Corporan, in the Rangers' 2-1 win.



By: Dr Carlos Viana

With my eyes closed my airplane instructor twists and turns the plane so that it is not flying level. This is a classic "unusual attitude" training every pilot needs to repeat to stay a safe pilot. I groan as I fight to keep from vomiting my breakfast. "OK, open your eyes and straighten the aircraft", orders my instructor. I open my eyes to find my instructor has covered my airplane instruments. Not good my instincts scream. Facing out to sea I cannot tell the difference between sky and ocean and my brain is telling me we are turning left.

The seconds tick off as I try to adjust the aircraft to what I feel is going on. "Now", I say implying that I think I have control of the airplane to my instructor as he uncovers my airplane instruments. As I look at my instruments. I am headed into the ground turning slowly in a classic flying problem, called the "graveyard spiral".

I have done this maneuver before and I know that in a spinning cockpit I have to trust my instruments even though my sense of balance, coming from my middle ear is telling me different. I line up the plane according to my

instruments and start feeling a sensation of whirling or tilting that causes a loss of balance, a dizziness that puts my stomach wanting to give up breakfast. "Vertigo", I complain as my instructor intently watches to make sure I have regained composure of both the plane and myself.

Vertigo from Latin that means "whirling about" describes a medical condition in which somebody feels the sensation of dizziness with the room spinning. Dizziness is an indistinct term which describes a variety of conditions ranging from lightheadedness, unsteadiness to vertigo and spans a large range of symptoms. These symptoms range from the most dramatic, vertigo, to the least severe, imbalance. Included in these feelings is fainting, which results in a loss of consciousness.

As a private pilot I know it is the sensory system located in the inner ear that helps the body to maintain balance. Balance in the human body is coordinated by the brainstem, which collects information from other parts of the brain and sensory organs throughout the body. The sensory organs that play critical roles relaying information to the brainstem include the skin, eyes, muscles and joints, and the vestibular system in the inner ear. Dizziness may result with dysfunction in any of these components or in the nerves that connect them.

French physician

Prosper Mènière described Mènière's disease as having four particular symptoms: vertigo lasting for an hour or more, but less than 24 hours; ringing or buzzing sounds in the ear; feeling of pressure or fullness in the ear; and some hearing loss. Some people are affected in both ears; others just one ear. Onset of Mènière's is sometimes related to stress. Regular medicine usually looks for problems with the inner ear for dizzy symptoms. However, most people that we see have been dizzy for more than a couple of days.

As a Traditional Chinese Medical (TCM) physician I know the liver is involved in many problems with dizziness. The liver detoxifies our blood and an overworked liver produces a condition that we call "liver fire"; whose symptoms are dizziness, pain on the sides of the head at the temples, a sensation that you are choking, heart palpitations, and stomach upset. People with liver fire usually have a green hue around their mouths, wake up around 3:00am and get angry easily.

Lifestyle choices, including eating processed foods, taking pharmaceutical or other drugs, working or living with chemicals, bombardment of EMF's (electromagnetic fields) and not getting enough exercise all contribute to our toxic overload, making it impossible for our livers to work efficiently.

Interestingly, historically this condition was known here in Aruba and was called 'madder'. TCM views a healthy Liver as "The General" who sends energy in the form of fluid to various parts of the body. If the General's "palace," the liver, is on fire, the chain of command is broken. Menstrual flow becomes heavy or "reckless" and menstrual problems; bladder and painful lower stomachs develop. Although, sexual desire drops, satisfying sexual activity is a great way to help "calm" the Liver. In our clinic we have found acupuncture treatments to be fantastic in improving a "hot" Liver, therefore helping dizzy symptoms. Milk Thistle, Astragalus root, Black Cohosh root, Don Quai Root, Red Clover and Rhodiola root as well as Evening Primrose Oil are beneficial herbs and oils for the liver. You improve liver function by slowing down alcohol consumption, exercising and eating natural food that is good for your metabolic type and prepare food that has not been fried, helps dramatically.

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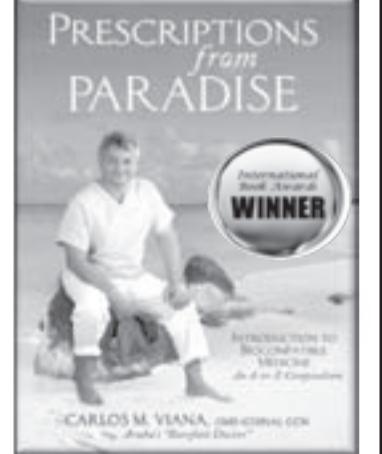
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## Gardening tools go mobile

**DEAN FOSDICK**

**Associated Press**

Smart phones that respond to signals from plants? Laptops that coordinate irrigation at dozens of vineyards? Remote weather stations programmed to text frost alerts?

Many commercial growers are using laptops, tablets or smart phones to keep costs down and production up. Home gardeners too, if they can afford it. Apps may get more attention, but they're small potatoes compared with the software and online programs already at work or being tested for horticultural use. Simply scanning a monitor or applying a few keystrokes can save water and fuel, redirect a labor force or protect a crop.

"The online-based software is really the heart that drives all this technology," said Paul Goldberg, director of operations at Bettinelli Vineyards and a director of Napa Valley Grapegrowers.

"A good portion of my day is now spent monitoring vineyards and making decisions to control certain vineyard operations via my phone or tablet in the

field."

Perhaps the most powerful viticultural tool to come along in recent years is the solar-powered remote weather station, Goldberg said. These self-contained units are scattered throughout hundreds of vineyards providing site-specific streaming weather data.

"Even more impressive is that the stations' online software can be set to notify growers with a phone call or text if something goes awry like a sudden pressure drop from a broken irrigation pipe, a well running dry or a decline in temperature posing a frost threat in the spring," he said.

Remote weather stations have become the platforms for integrating other powerful technology to manage vineyards from afar, Goldberg said.

Some examples:

— Sap flow monitors that turn grapevines into living sensors by telling growers when or even if they need water. "This technology paired with other sophisticated tools has made irrigation much more of an exact science," Goldberg

said.

— Wind machines controlled by computer, tablet or smartphone.

— Data collection. Growers can access vineyard information, work orders, fertilizer and irrigation programs, graphs, and a variety of viticulture tools from tablets or smart phones in the field.

Horticulturists at The Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, California, meantime, irrigate with a computerized system that automatically shuts down after a certain amount of water has been used rather than being operated by timers.

"The amount of water that can come out in a given time could be variable, so it's easy to over- or under-water if you're just using a timer," said Andrew Wong, Bancroft's head gardener. "They're also great if you live in a community that has water restrictions. If you're allotted 500 gallons, then that's what you'll use."

Another tech tool used at the garden is a self-guided audio tour that responds to prompts from smartphone users. "It provides information not found in our gar-



This March 2013 photo provided by Napa Valley Grapegrowers shows a remote weather station at a Bettinelli managed vineyard in North Napa Valley, Calif.

**Associated Press**

den pamphlets," Wong said.

Burpee Home Gardens has introduced two mobile web tools, not apps, using smart phones as gardening tools. Gardeners can specify the size and location of their plant sites and "My Garden Designer" does the rest, creating "recipes"

for easily planted containers or flowerbeds. "Burpee Garden Coach" is a free mobile web tool that provides online tutoring. Users customize their profiles by supplying their zip codes to receive a continuing series of tips on flower or vegetable gardening via text messages or email alerts. □

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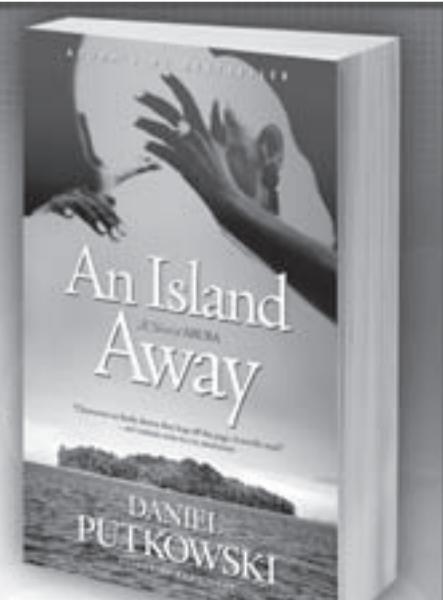
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## Wall Street ekes out small gains; Apple climbs

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stock indexes eked out small gains Tuesday after an upturn in technology companies outweighed weakness in other parts of the market, including a drop in airlines. The gain in technology stocks was driven by Apple. The technology company surged after billionaire investor Carl Icahn said on Twitter that he held a large position in Apple and that its stock was undervalued. August is shaping up to be a lackluster month for the stock market as major indexes fail to add significantly to the gains they made in July. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has drifted lower, fluctuating between small losses and gains, since closing at an all-time high Aug. 2.

A sharp rise in Treasury yields also rippled through the stock market on Tuesday.

The yield on the 10-year note climbed close to its highest in two years after industrial production in the

eurozone rose in June from the month before and investor confidence rose in Germany, the region's biggest economy. Signs have been emerging that Europe is emerging from its recession.

The sharp rise in yields lifted financial companies because higher interest rates could help them generate better profit margins. That helped offset declines in homebuilders and other stocks that are sensitive to rising borrowing costs. The yield is also climbing on speculation that the Federal Reserve will cut its stimulus as the economy recovers.

Atlanta Fed President Dennis Lockhart said Tuesday that it was too early to say when the bank would ease back on its stimulus, but hinted that it would likely happen before the end of the year.

"You could argue that stocks would be up higher today if the bond market was behaving," said John Canally, Investment Strategist for LPL Financial. "The

market's trend right now is higher."

Homebuilder stocks slid on concern that mortgage rates will climb, raising the cost of buying a home and potentially blunting a recovery in the housing mar-

ket. Some investors had been buying them as an alternative to bonds as a source of investment income. Airline stocks slumped after the federal government challenged the proposed merger of US Airways and

fees. Major indexes started slightly higher, drifted lower at mid-morning, and were back up again in the afternoon. Trading has been unusually light this week and last as many investors take vacation.

"The market is drifting and consolidating here, and we think this is likely (to continue) over the next week or so," said Jim Russell, a Regional Investment Director at US Bank.

The S&P 500 index rose 4.69 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,694.16. Although its advance has slowed this month, the index is still up 18.8 percent this year.

The Nasdaq composite rose 14.49 points, or 0.4 percent, to 3,684.44. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 31.33 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,451.01.

Other indexes fell. The Dow Jones Transportation average dropped 42.48, or 0.7 percent, to 6,452, dragged down by the slump in airline stocks. Indexes measuring utilities and small-company stocks also fell. □



Specialist Anthony Rinaldi works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013. Stocks inching higher in trading on Wall Street after the government reported a pickup in retail sales last month.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ket. The stocks of phone companies and utilities that typically pay big dividends also fell. Those stocks have been slumping as Treasury yields have risen, because

American Airlines, a deal between two of the largest carriers. The government says the deal would result in "substantial harm to consumers" in higher fares and

## Ackman resigns from struggling J.C. Penney's board

**MICHAEL J. DE LA MERCED**  
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Activist investor William A. Ackman has resigned from the board of J.C. Penney, the retailer said Tuesday, days after starting an unusually public rebellion against his fellow directors over the future of the company. In a statement, Penney said it had appointed Ronald W. Tysoe, a former vice chairman of Federated Department Stores, to its board. It plans to name another director in the near future. "During my time on the J.C. Penney board of directors, I have always advocated for



Photo shows William Ackman in Toronto. Ackman has resigned from J.C. Penney Co.'s board as part of a deal to resolve an unusually public battle between the activist investor and the struggling department store operator. J.C. Penney's rose in premarket trading Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Pawel Dwulit)

what I believe to be in the best interests of the company - its stockholders, employees and others," Ackman said in a statement. "At this time, I believe that the addition of two new directors and my stepping down from the board is the most constructive way forward for J.C. Penney and all other parties involved." The resignation of Ackman, whose Pershing Square Capital Management is the retailer's biggest investor with a 17.7 percent stake, ends a fight over the top leadership. The hedge fund manager publicly disclosed two letters that he

had sent to fellow directors, ultimately calling for the departures of the interim chief executive, Myron E. Ullman III, and the chairman, Thomas J. Engibous. Ackman was unhappy with a series of management changes that Ullman had made, which, Ackman claimed, were outside the normal managerial processes. And he accused Engibous of freezing out some directors and running a dysfunctional board, ultimately suggesting that Engibous be replaced with Allen Questrom, a former chief executive of J.C. Penney. □

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## Airlines stocks tank as merger takeoff stalled

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Airlines shares slid Tuesday after the Justice Department and a number of U.S. state attorneys general challenged the proposed merger between US Airways and American Airlines' parent company, AMR Corp.

US Airways Group Inc. shares headed for their biggest loss since June 4, 2012. At midday, the shares were down 8.4 percent at \$17.24. They have quadrupled since late 2011, when AMR filed for bankruptcy and US Airways began to pursue a merger.

AMR shares were taken off the New York Stock Exchange shortly after the company filed for bankruptcy protection in late 2011 but still trade over the counter; they were down \$2.76, or 47.5 percent, to \$3.05.

The proposed merger would create the world's largest airline by passenger miles, with 6,700 daily flights and annual revenue of roughly \$40 billion.

Were the deal to be approved, the four biggest U.S. airlines — American, United, Delta and Southwest — would all be the products of a wave of mergers that began in 2008. Those deals have helped the industry control seats, push fares higher and return to profitability. Stock of United Continental Holdings Inc., the current No. 1, dropped 5.9 percent to \$31.25 percent. Shares of Delta Air Lines Inc., the second-biggest airline, dropped 7.5 percent to \$19.46.

Southwest Airlines Co., which flies the most passengers within the U.S., lost 3.1 percent to \$13.29. □

## Whirlpool buying Hefei Sanyo stake for \$552M

**BENTON HARBOR, Michigan (AP)** — Whirlpool is buying a majority stake in Chinese appliance maker Hefei

Rongshida Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd. for about \$552 million. Whirlpool Corp., whose

brands include KitchenAid, Maytag and its namesake, said Tuesday that the transaction will help it expand in



A load of laundry is loaded into a whirlpool washing machine in Pittsburgh. Whirlpool said Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, it is buying a majority stake in Chinese appliance maker Hefei Rongshida Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd. for about \$552 million.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

China.

CEO and Chairman Jeff Fettig said in a statement Tuesday that the deal will give Chinese shoppers more products to choose from.

Hefei Sanyo had 2012 revenue of \$636 million. Its brands include Sanyo, Rongshida/Royal Star and Diqua. The company is a joint venture between former Hefei Rongshida Group Co. Ltd. and Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd. and Sanyo Electric (China) Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of Panasonic Corp.

The deal, which gives Whirlpool a 51 percent stake in Hefei Sanyo, is expected to close by the end of 2014. It still needs Chinese regulatory approval and approval from Hefei Sanyo shareholders.

Whirlpool expects the transaction to add to its financial results in the first full year that Hefei Sanyo is part of its business. The Benton Harbor, Michigan company had sales of about \$18 billion in 2012.

Whirlpool's shares fell \$1.51 to \$133.55 in midday trading Tuesday. □

## US business stockpiles unchanged in June

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. businesses left stockpiles unchanged in June while sales rose modestly, an encouraging sign.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that business stockpiles were flat in June compared with May. Inventories had fallen a slightly 0.1 percent in May. Sales rose 0.2 percent in June after a solid 1.1 percent increase in May. The stagnant level for stockpiles could be setting

the stage for inventory rebuilding in coming months. That would support increased factory production and overall economic growth in the second half of this year.

Business stockpiles in June stood at a seasonally adjusted \$1.66 trillion, 3.5 percent higher than a year ago. Inventories at the manufacturing and retail levels both rose 0.1 percent. Stockpiles at the wholesale level fell 0.2 percent, the third consecutive decline. June's sales increase was

led by solid gains at the retail and wholesale level. But sales by manufacturers declined 0.4 percent.

A separate report Tuesday showed that retail sales advanced a modest 0.2 percent in July.

But a "core" category that excludes volatile auto, gas and business supply products, surged 0.5 percent, the strongest such advance since a similar gain in December.

The government estimated last month that the economy grew at a lackluster 1.7

percent annual rate from April through June.

Economists think the growth rate will be revised up because a report last week showed that U.S. companies exported a record number of goods in June.

Some analysts think the revision could increase estimated growth in the April-June period to an annual rate of around 2.3 percent. Many economists predict that growth will rebound further to a rate of about 2.5 percent in the second half of this year. □

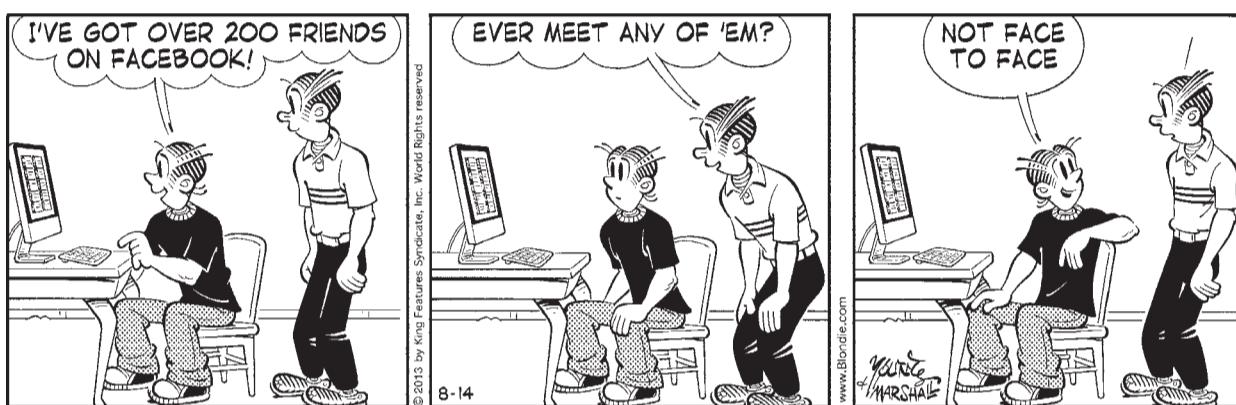
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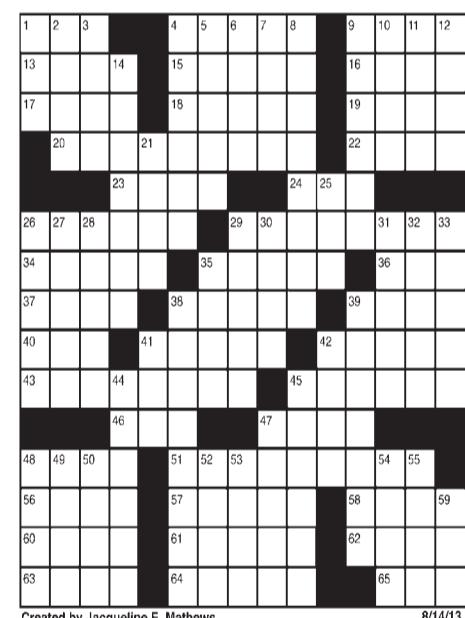
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Yesterday's puzzle answer



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- 13 Lodges for travelers
- 15 Home made of clay bricks
- 16 Additionally
- 17 Whiplash site
- 18 Deadens, as with Novocaine
- 19 Liquefy
- 20 Lazy
- 22 Chopping tools
- 23 Harbor city
- 24 Hearing organ
- 26 Put up money in advance
- 29 Stronghold
- 34 Hut
- 35 Commonplace
- 36 Tear
- 37 Not up yet
- 38 Saws & pliers
- 39 \_\_ Lee; frozen dessert brand
- 40 Feinstein or Hatch: abbr.
- 41 Helsinki natives
- 42 Puzzling question
- 43 Very respected
- 45 Washington's Mount St. \_\_
- 46 Omaha's state: abbr.
- 47 "The \_\_ Piper of Hamelin"
- 48 Jack, once of late-night TV
- 51 Reluctant
- 56 \_\_ deal!"
- 57 Australian marsupial
- 58 Open-\_\_; alert
- 60 Math class, for some: abbr.
- 61 Henry VIII's royal house
- 62 Derriere
- 63 Not in danger
- 64 Oneness
- 65 Attempt

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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**Thoreau's Walden Pond lures swimmers****Pam LeBlanc**

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Swimming holes rank up there with fine chocolate, wine and Italian food -- I could spend an entire vacation sampling them and debating their merits.

Which is what I did during a recent trip to Boston to visit some much-loved friends. Familiar with my love affair with freshwater swimming holes, they drove me to nearby Concord, Mass., home of Walden Pond.

Walden Pond is the quintessential swimming pool, tucked in a slice of woods so heavenly all you want to do is jump in, roll onto your back and smile up at the gods who created it.

No wonder Henry David Thoreau spent two years here in the 1840s, reveling in its beauty and writing about its solitude.

I have but one complaint: Today Walden Pond draws great crowds, especially on hot summer weekends. If you don't arrive by about 9 a.m. on busy days, parking in the lot is full and you're sent away, told to come back another time. Because Walden Pond State Reservation operators are trying to minimize impact and limit over-

crowding, you have to really want to go to Walden Pond to get there.

We, of course, did. We parked at a nearby school and walked three-quarters of a mile to the pond.

As soon as I saw it glistening in front of me, I got that giddy feeling I always got as a kid when my mom took me to the pool or lake.

We veered away from the tiny but bustling beach and found a cozy little inlet on the opposite end to stash our towels.

The open-water swimming community is on to it, and at least a dozen people were slicing across the half-mile length of the pond when we arrived.

We quickly joined them, wading into the water then plunging in full bore. Something about swimming this way, in a deep pool carved by retreating glaciers, without stripes on the bottom to guide me, walls to constrain me or chlorine to tickle my nose, makes me blissfully happy. We towed off, then walked a few hundred yards to a pile of rocks and some markers outlining the site of the cabin where Thoreau lived. □

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# Beyond dinner: Invasive shrimp mounted for display

JANET McCONNAUGHEY

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Stuffed shrimp are decor rather than dinner for some of the folks who have caught the really big sort — invasive Asian tiger shrimp — in the Gulf of Mexico or along the East Coast.

Sometimes the shrimp become both food and a wall display. Joe Strange of Joe's Taxidermy in Houma said he mounted three last year, dining on the meat he removed from the two smallest, about 7 and 10 inches (20 and 25 1/2 centimeters) long.

"I just threw them quick in a frying pan with butter, salt and pepper," he said. "That way you get the true taste."

He liked them. "They were better tasting than our shrimp. I would trade them off for our shrimp anytime." Scientists and others are worried that might happen, with possible devastating effects on native shrimp and the Gulf of Mexico's ecosystem. The invaders could gobble up the tiger's share of native shrimps' diet, not to mention crabs, snails, oysters and other bivalves, and the local shrimp themselves — because all shrimp are carnivores. And, in turn, that could affect the larger animals that eat those critters.



**Asian tiger shrimp are native to Pacific waters, but are now found along the southeast and Gulf coasts of the United States. Researchers are currently investigating the origin and possible impact of this invasive species.**

Associated Press

Tiger shrimp are named for their black-and-white or black-and-yellow stripes. They're known from the "slip an extra shrimp on the barbie" line that brought actor Paul Hogan to U.S. fame through an Australian tourism TV ad in the mid-1980s.

The shrimp — native to Indo-Pacific, Asian, and Australian waters — are bigger enough than native species that they could both outcompete and just plain eat their smaller cousins out of existence.

Scientists say there's no evidence of that happening so far. But the numbers of tiger shrimp reported, with more in inshore nursery areas and juveniles caught along both coasts,

indicate that they're probably breeding, said Pam Fuller, who keeps a federal invasive species database at the U.S. Geological Survey's Southeast Ecological Science Center in Gainesville, Florida.

Strange said he'd tried taxidermy on native shrimp, but they fell apart — "the legs crumble off." Tiger shrimp seem to have tougher carapaces and legs, he said. "The only thing it lost was its antenna. I made them out of fishing twine."

Pete Miller of Water and Wildlife Studio in Marshallberg, North Carolina, has mounted about a dozen tiger shrimp, freeze-drying them rather than scooping out the meat.

The shrimp have become so numerous in U.S. waters that federal scientists don't have a good handle on just how many are out there, even though the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's fisheries division asked last year for shrimpers to report and freeze them for DNA analysis.

"The number of reports has gone down because people have gotten so used to seeing them they've just stopped reporting them," Fuller said.

Commercial fisherman Kenny Rustick of Gloucester, N.C., said that about three years ago, he reported the first of four tiger shrimp he has caught on the 32-foot (9.75-meter) Mad Lady II. He had that one and a second mounted. He said he'd seen photos on the Internet, so he knew what he had.

Fuller said limited genetic analysis so far indicates that the shrimp are all from closely related stocks, but their original source hasn't been determined. Possibilities include larvae carried across the ocean in bilge water or fish farms in the Caribbean, coastal South America or West Africa. Hundreds were caught along South Carolina, Georgia and Florida after a storm hit a South Caro-

lina shrimp farm in 1988, but none was reported in U.S. waters for the next 18 years.

Six were reported in 2006, four in 2007 and fewer than 50 a year until 2011, when 678 were reported. That year saw 329 in North Carolina, 144 in South Carolina and 128 in Louisiana. The next-largest numbers of reports were 28 in Alabama and 25 in Florida.

Last year, the total reported fell to 195, with the largest state total in South Carolina — 64.

Trish Murphey, who gets the reports in North Carolina, said shrimpers sometimes ask her, "Do I have to give them to you? I want to get them stuffed."

Long before any was brought in for mounting, said Miller, he'd seen a 16-inch (40 1/2-centimeters) specimen exhibited by an importer at a restaurant show in North Carolina.

"Guys here are telling me they just hope the cooler weather can keep their population down now. I think that's just wishful thinking," Miller said.

He said those he's mounted ranged from 8 inches (20 centimeters) to about 13 inches (33 centimeters). He hasn't seen one this year. "I think everybody's waiting to get a real big monster," he said. □

## U.S. researchers create robot that jumps

KEITH COLLINS  
Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Researchers in the U.S. have put together a robot that can jump and climb. That could make it particularly useful for military

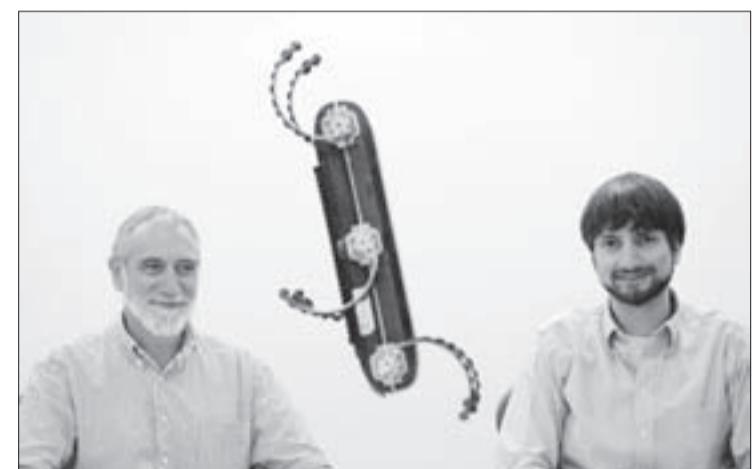
search missions or supply transport.

The RHex robot project at the University of Pennsylvania began about 15 years ago, when researchers at several universities began asking how robots could

be able to traverse rugged terrain as well as animals do.

Legged robots, unlike wheeled ones, have the animal-like ability to overcome obstacles like stairs and ledges. But until the latest RHex, developed by engineering professor Daniel Koditschek and doctoral student Aaron Johnson, legged robots couldn't negotiate gaps in terrain any better than robots with wheels.

Johnson has developed mechanisms that allow the robot to jump over gaps and holes that it previously



**Engineering professor Daniel Koditschek, left, and doctoral student Aaron Johnson pose for a portrait as they demonstrate the X-RHex Lite robot, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.**

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designed the latest version of RHex using lightweight carbon fiber. This allows it to perform its leaping and climbing functions without consuming too much power. □

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# Actresses urge support for Calif. paparazzi bill

**LAURA OLSON**

**Associated Press**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**

— Actresses Halle Berry and Jennifer Garner urged California lawmakers Tuesday to support legislation that they say would help them better protect their children from the paparazzi that follow them daily. The stars testified before the Assembly Judiciary Committee regarding SB606, which would impose tougher penalties on photographers who harass celebrities and their children.

It was Berry's second state Capitol appearance on the measure. The Academy Award-winning actress, who is pregnant, told lawmakers the constant presence of photographers yelling and snapping pictures has made her daughter scared to go to school. "As mothers, as parents, we don't have the wherewithal or the law in place right now to protect them from this," Berry said. "What this bill would do is give us our rights back so that we can protect our children."

The bill from Sen. Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, would change the definition of harassment to include photographing or recording a child without the permission of a legal guardian by following the

child or guardian's activities or by lying in wait. It also increases the penalties for people convicted of such behavior.

The bill passed the panel without opposition and now heads to the Appropriations Committee. Garner, who starred in the ABC series "Alias," nearly cried describing how paparazzi aggressively follow her and her three young children as she takes them to school and to the pediatrician.

She told the committee that she understood she would make certain sacrifices when she chose a career in acting but that her children have not made the same decision to be in the public spotlight.

"I don't want a gang of shouting, arguing, law-breaking photographers who camp out everywhere we are, all day, every day, to continue to traumatize my kids," Garner said. Media organizations are concerned the bill will restrict journalists who are conducting legitimate newsgathering activities. Joe Berry of the California Broadcasters Association said harassment is already illegal. The legislation "is overly broad and overly reaches in order to rein in these bad actors," he testified. □

## Katy Perry to perform new single on VMAs

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Katy Perry is returning to the stage at the MTV Video Music Awards. Perry will sing her new song "Roar" live for the first time. She hasn't performed at the VMAs since 2009. The VMAs will air live from Brooklyn on Aug. 25. Justin Timberlake and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis lead the nominations with six apiece and Bruno Mars is next at four.

"Roar," released Monday, is the first single from Perry's new album, "PRISM," due out Oct. 22. Perry's a four-time VMA winner, including top honor video of the



This July 28, 2013 file photo shows singer Katy Perry at the world premiere of "The Smurfs 2" in Los Angeles.

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year for "Firework."

Others announced for the show include Lady Gaga and Kanye West, who will be performing for a record-tie seventh time. □



Actress Jennifer Garner, right, describes how paparazzi aggressively follow her and her three children daily, while testifying before the Assembly Judiciary Committee in support of a bill that would limit the ability of paparazzi to photograph children of celebrities and public figures, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013 at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif.

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## Golden Globe organizers give \$1.6M to arts groups



Liam Hemsworth, left, and Amber Heard speak on stage at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association Luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

**Associated Press**

**SANDY COHEN**

**AP Entertainment Writer**

**BEVERLY HILLS, California**

(AP) — The group behind the Golden Globes shared \$1.6 million of its annual awards-show spoils with 40 nonprofit arts organizations Tuesday, but its cast of celebrity presenters had trouble getting the group's message across.

Eva Longoria, Dermott Mulroney, Liam Hemsworth, Julie Delpy and Demian Bichir were a few of the actors who struggled with the teleprompter at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's annual luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Longoria noted there were "a lot of typos" in the script,

"so I want you to all know: Everybody up here who's struggling, it's not because they are not good at this." She jokingly blamed the foreign press for the errors.

Presenter Jonah Hill, who accepted grants on behalf of the Levantine Cultural Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, said he learned a lot by participating in the ceremony. "If anything has been made clear to me today, it's definitely the fact that I don't think a single actor in Hollywood can read," Hill said. When Justin

Bateman took the stage, he quipped, "I think the rehearsal's going great. Tonight's going to be good, people." Olivia Wilde, who stood beside Bateman to accept a grant on behalf of a literacy organization, joked that the cast of luncheon presenters could use its help. Other presenters included Nicole Kidman, Vince Vaughn, Diane Kruger, Blair Underwood, Colin Farrell, Amber Heard and Vin Diesel, who gave a heartfelt speech as he accepted a grant for the Sundance Institute. He made his directorial debut at the Sundance Film Festival in 1997, where he "felt a sense of validation I never felt before" and got inspiration he still relies on today. "It's the only reason why I have the luxury to stand before all of you," he said. "Otherwise, I'd still be a bouncer in New York."

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association has shared its profits from the Golden Globe Awards with arts and cultural organizations for the past 19 years, totaling more than \$18 million.

The 71st Golden Globe Awards will be held Jan. 12, 2014. □

# California paternity-rights bill on hold

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**Associated Press**

**SACRAMENTO, California**

(AP) — A bill sparked by a custody dispute involving "The Lost Boys" actor Jason Patric that would allow certain sperm donors to seek paternity rights in court is on hold after failing to clear a legislative panel Tuesday. Patric testified before state lawmakers about his court battle to gain custody of his now 3-year-old son, Gus. A judge deemed him a sperm donor — rather than a parent — during a custody dispute over the boy. He and his ex-girlfriend, Danielle Schreiber, conceived the child through artificial insemination. Patric and Schreiber, who never married, disagree on the role Patric was to play in the child's life.

Patric says he hasn't seen the child in months and asked lawmakers to think about "a child sitting daily and wondering what happened."

As a result of that case and others brought to his attention, state Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, put forward legislation that would allow a man whose sperm was used to conceive a child

through artificial insemination to seek parental rights if he can show a certain level of involvement in the child's life.

Hill says his bill, SB115, is an attempt to clarify a 2011 statute, which said unmarried men who provided

aggressive lobbying from representatives for Patric, Schreiber and organizations involved in child custody and women's rights. Among the bill's supporters are Equality California and the National Center for Lesbian Rights, which



**Actor Jason Patric, urged lawmakers to approve a bill that would allow him another chance to seek paternity rights for his 3-year-old son, while appearing before the Assembly Judiciary Committee in Sacramento, Calif. Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

sperm to a doctor or sperm bank do not have parental rights unless otherwise agreed to in writing prior to conception.

The measure sailed through the Senate without opposition but recently has gener-

say the bill strikes the right balance by requiring a donor seeking parental rights to have lived with the child and presented the child as his own.

Opponents — including the state's chapter of the

## Review: Book brings JFK's heady final days to life

**CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN**  
**Associated Press**

For a blunt-titled book with a tragic conclusion that every reader knows from the start, Thurston Clarke's "JFK's Last Hundred Days" manages to surprise and even occasionally to delight.

This book is about life, a quick-pulsed three months of life, before it's about death. It's about forward movement and daily accomplishments, often history-making ones, before it's about lost opportunities and, as the Israeli statesman Abba Eban characterized the assassination of the young president in his prime, "one of the most authentically tragic events in the history of nations."

It's worth noting that among these 100 days

were some that John F. Kennedy himself called his happiest.

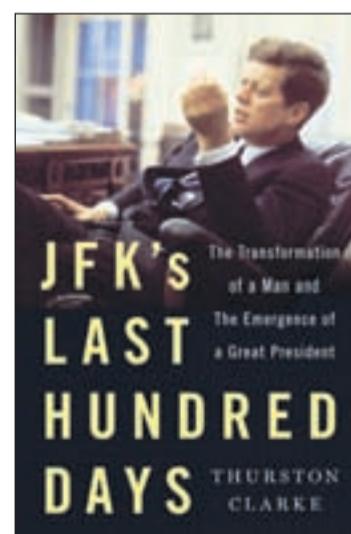
The story line of these days takes the reader from early August 1963 through his death on Nov. 22.

The book has the feel of a wide-ranging diary, each chapter focusing on a successive week or even a single day. It details Kennedy's personal dealings — playing with his young children, John and Caroline, in the Oval Office, for example, or singing sentimental songs at the family compound in Hyannis Port, Mass. — as well as his political maneuverings and presidential actions. At times, the events are laid out hour by hour, but never tediously.

This was a time in which civil-rights activism was ris-

ing toward a crest. We see Kennedy conferring with black leaders and, in one testy White House meeting, with the white leadership of Birmingham, Ala., amid deadly violence there. As the March on Washington plays out at the Lincoln Memorial, we see the president listening at an open White House window with a black doorman as the throng sings "We Shall Overcome."

We watch Kennedy plunge into foreign policy — pursuing back-channel contacts with the Cuban and Soviet leadership, wrestling with what to do about Vietnam, where a coup that his administration fostered ends with two South Vietnamese leaders being murdered. We're privy to his horse-trading with congressional



**This book cover image released by Penguin shows "JFK's Last Hundred Days: The Transformation of a Man and the Emergence of a Great President," by Thurston Clarke.**  
**Associated Press**

leaders, including his successful effort to win Senate ratification of the seminal Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

ing on the bill while the case is on appeal.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee voted 5-2 to hold the bill in committee for further discussion.

Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, D-Sacramento, who voted to keep the bill in committee, said he believes the parental rights issue raised by the case needs to be addressed but that the court system first should be allowed to finish its work.

"It's premature from my point of view to have the Legislature take action on this issue," Dickinson said.

Hill said after the hearing that he will continue to work with various parties to reach agreement on the legislation. The senator said he felt resistance from some lawmakers to his attempts to work on the bill and asked the committee to reconsider an amended version before this year's session concludes.

Patric also expressed frustration after the vote, remarking briefly to an Associated Press reporter that the committee "doesn't care about children in the middle of something and fixing it." □

Politics then was about bipartisanship deal-making and constructiveness, as Clarke shows. He quotes Kennedy in what could be a rebuke of today's bitter gridlock: "Let our patriotism be reflected in the creation of confidence in one another, rather than in crusades of suspicion."

Kennedy skeptics may be dubious of some of its implied or stated projections. Would the Civil Rights Act have passed if he hadn't been killed? Would he have found the way out of Vietnam that he sought, or an approach to Russia and China that could have hastened the Cold War's end? Kennedy-phobics may roll their eyes at the book's implication that JFK was becoming a better husband toward the end. □

## Playing Post Office



**GAIL COLLINS**  
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I know everyone is exhausted from keeping up with the latest in the baseball career of Alex Rodriguez, but let's tackle the money-losing Postal Service, people! Today, let's tackle a big national problem. Something that's been going on for so long that everybody's exhausted and has lost all hope of resolution in their lifetimes. (Like the baseball career of Alex Rodriguez.)

The Postal Service. Yes! Let's fix the Postal Service, which lost more than \$15 billion last year. Lately, things have been going better, but we're still talking about a problem that's actually way worse than A-Rod. More like something between a plague of locusts and a small, localized zombie invasion.

And it's not all the management's fault. You would be losing money, too, if your core product had been totally undermined by the Internet and you were required to be a self-supporting business except for the part where each and every move required special congressional approval.

For instance, the Postal Service desperately wants to end Saturday delivery, which would save about \$2 billion a year. But, so far, Congress has balked. Many lawmakers don't like the idea because six-day delivery is currently a universal fact, and even fiscal conservatives do not like eliminating something their constituents have.

So our first step in fixing the Postal Service will be to make it clear that we are not going to vote anybody out of office for giving us five-day mail. Voters from the right, ask yourself if you really want to be the kind of people who will cheer for the slashing of food stamp programs but whine when you are personally deprived of the ability to receive a new Lands' End catalog on a Saturday. Voters from the left, just save your energy for the food stamp fight.

Next stop, retirees. The Postal Service is supposed to deposit \$5.5 billion a year in order to fund future retirees' health benefits 75 years in advance. This was an idea cooked up on a dark day during the Bush administration, possibly by congressional conferees armed with eyes of newt and toe of frog. Almost everybody now agrees it went way overboard. Also, there is no earthly way the Postal Service can afford to do it. Either Congress is going

to have to give up on the idea or allow the entire operation to implode. So the mission is pretty clear. Discontinue the \$5.5 billion deposits and get the accountants to work out a new plan. Wow, you've cut that \$16 billion deficit in half! Move over, Paul Ryan.

How about closing some post offices? There are currently 31,272 in the United States, which is more than the number of McDonald's, Starbucks and Wal-Mart stores combined. This idea drives politicians from low-population areas nuts. The current House bill, which recently came out of committee on a party-line vote, says that if the Postal Service closes offices, only 5 percent of them can be in rural districts.

"In an urban area you're not going to be an hour away from another post office," says Blake Farenthold, R-Texas, who is chairman of the House subcommittee on postal issues.

You know, he has a point. City folk, rally around the rural 5 percent plan. In return for which, perhaps Farenthold will hold a press conference and announce his support of federal Amtrak subsidies for the Northeast Corridor.

Urban lawmakers, meanwhile, hate the idea of abolishing front-door mail delivery, and making everyone use curbside mailboxes or those cluster boxes you see in the front of new housing developments. This is a favorite cause of House Republicans, but even the Postal Service management isn't really pushing it right now. Take the five-day delivery thing and count your blessings, guys.

Finally, we have New Business Ventures. And, once again, we are in awe of what the Postal Service needs congressional permission to do. One of the big proposals bopping around Congress this year would permit mail shipment of beer and wine. Right now this is illegal because there was once, you know, Prohibition.

"It would generate an estimated \$50 million a year," said Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., who is pushing the idea in the House.

Some lawmakers have expressed concern about the problem of kids attempting to skirt age regulations on the purchase of alcohol. This presumes that a group of 17-year-olds in search of a forbidden drink have an extremely high capacity for delayed gratification.

Let's allow the Postal Service to ship wine. We have just eliminated another two days' worth of deficit!

There are lots of other reasonable ideas bopping around, and all those days could eventually add up. For instance, Speier, whose district suffered a terrible gas explosion a few years back, says there's technology that would allow postal trucks to carry a small machine that would test neighborhoods for gas leaks as the carriers complete their appointed rounds.

On a lighter note, congressional staffers have wondered if the trucks couldn't deliver mail from one side and sell ice cream from another. Really, anything that gets you through another day. □



## 'A Town Without Pity'



**CHARLES M. BLOW**  
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America was once the land of Lady Liberty, beckoning the world: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" No more.

Today's America - at least as measured by the actions and inactions of the pariahs who roam its halls of power and the people who put them there - is insular, cruel and uncaring.

In this America, people blame welfare for creating poverty rather than for mitigating the impact of it. An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll in June found that the No. 1 reason people gave for our continuing poverty crisis was: "Too much welfare that prevents initiative."

In this America, the House can - as it did in July - pass a farm bill that left out the food stamp program at a time when a record number of Americans, nearly 48 million, are depending on the benefits.

In this America, a land of immigrants, comprehensive immigration can be stalled in The People's Branch of government, and anti-reform mouthpieces like Ann Coulter and Pat Buchanan can warn that immigration reform will

be the end of the country. And in today's America, poverty and homelessness can easily seep beneath the wall we erect in our minds to define it.

A December report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors that surveyed 25 cities found that all but 4 of them reported an increase in requests for emergency food aid since 2011, and three-fourths of them expected those requests to increase in 2013.

The report also found that 60 percent of the cities surveyed had seen an increase in homelessness, and the same percentage of cities expected homelessness to increase in 2013. But poverty isn't easily written off as an inner-city ailment. It has now become a suburban problem. A report this week by the Brookings Institution found that "during the 2000s, major metropolitan suburbs became home to the largest and fastest-growing poor population in America."

Nor can economic insecurity be written off as a minority-only issue. According to survey results published last month by The Associated Press:

"Nonwhites still have a higher risk of being economically insecure, at 90 percent. But compared with the official poverty rate, some of the biggest jumps under the newer measure are among whites, with more than 76 percent enduring periods of joblessness, life on welfare or near-poverty."

How did we come to such a pass? Why aren't more politicians - and people in general - expressing outrage and showing empathy?

Part of our current condition is obviously partisan. Republicans have become the party of "blame the victim." Whatever your lesser lot in life, it's completely within your means to correct, according to their logic. Poverty, hunger, homelessness and desperation

aren't violence to the spirit but motivation to the will. If you want more and you work harder, all your problems will disappear. Sink or swim. Pull yourself up. Get over it. Of course, that narrow conservative doctrine denies a broader reality: that there are working poor and chronically unemployed - people who do want and who do work and who do want to work but remain stuck on the lowest rungs of the economic ladder.

In this regard, Republicans have all but abandoned the idea of compassionate conservatism and are diving headlong into callous conservatism. But another problem may be more broad-based: the way that many Americans look at the poor with disgust. As Susan Fiske, a Princeton professor who has studied people's attitudes toward the poor for more than a decade, told me on Friday:

"The stereotypes of poor people in the United States are among the most negative prejudices that we have. And people basically view particularly homeless people as having no redeeming qualities - there's not the competence for anything, not having good intentions and not being trustworthy."

Fiske's research shows that people respond not only to the poor and homeless with revulsion, but they also react negatively to people they perceive as undocumented immigrants - essentially anyone without an address.

If some people's impulse is to turn up a nose rather than extend a hand, no wonder we send so many lawmakers empty of empathy to Congress. No wonder more people don't demand that Congress stand up for the least among us rather than on them. As Fiske so aptly put it: "It seems like Washington is a place without pity right now. A town without pity." □

# SUMMER SIZZLE:



## STEAK AND SALSA

**Chile-rubbed flank steak with pineapple and peppers on the grill.**  
(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)

**MELISSA CLARK**

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I'll admit that most of the grilled meals I make are about as basic as it gets. Throw some combination of protein and vegetables onto the grill, set the table, open the wine and call it a meal.

Sauce is just a drizzle of olive oil and maybe some herbs from the deck. It keeps the kitchen cool, feeds the family and is about as easy as can be.

This chili-rubbed flank steak with tomatillo-pineapple salsa is a dish of a higher order. It's a company-friendly endeavor that takes a little more forethought (marinating!), some minor effort with the coals (indirect heat!) and a bit of concentration.

If you can organize yourself the day before, let the meat marinate a full 24 hours so it can really absorb the complex, earthy heat of New Mexico chili powder. (Seek out the good stuff here; its intense, almost fruity flavor makes a difference.)

Flank steak is a muscly cut

that toughens up if you overcook it. Rare or medium-rare is optimal, and medium is as far as you should push it. If you like well-done meat, choose a more tender cut like rib-eye. Always

tacos. Or serve it with a potato and corn salad as a more traditional entree. But whatever you do, serve it to friends.

It's a dish made for summertime sharing.



**Chile-rubbed flank steak with tomatillo-pineapple salsa.** The chunky tomatillo salsa, studded with bits of sweet, caramelized pineapple, walks the line between condiment and side dish and nicely sets off the brawny meat.

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)

slice flank steak across the grain; it breaks up the muscle fibers and makes it easier to chew.

If you serve this dish with warmed tortillas, sliced avocado and maybe quick-pickled onions or jalapeños, it can pass as steak

### GRILLED CHILI FLANK STEAK WITH TOMATILLO-PINEAPPLE SALSA

Time: 45 minutes, plus at least 4 hours' marinating  
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice  
1 tablespoon New Mexico chili powder

1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, more as needed

1 1/2 to 1 3/4 pounds flank steak

1/2 pound fresh peeled pineapple in 1/2-inch slices  
3/4 pound whole tomatillos, husks removed

1/2 onion (cut stem to root), peeled  
2 jalapeños, halved and seeded

1 head garlic, halved diametrically  
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil  
Black pepper, as needed

2 tablespoons chopped cilantro  
Lime wedges, for serving

1. In a bowl, combine the orange juice, chili powder, oregano and 1 teaspoon salt. Place steak into a large glass or ceramic container and coat all over with the marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 4 hours, preferably overnight.

2. To make the salsa, light a grill, keeping a small area unlit for indirect heat. Grill pineapple over direct heat until charred on both sides, 3 to 5 minutes a side.

3. Toss the tomatillos, on-

ion, jalapeños and garlic with olive oil, remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and black pepper. Place the garlic over indirect heat, cut-side down, and grill until charred and somewhat tender, 6 to 10 minutes (do not turn).

Grill the onion, cut-side down over direct heat, until well charred, 3 to 5 minutes (do not turn). Grill the tomatillos and jalapeños over direct heat on both sides until they are tender and blistered, 1 to 3 minutes a side.

4. When cool enough to handle, peel onion and coarsely chop it and tomatillos and jalapeños. Squeeze the garlic from the peel. In a bowl, combine vegetables, half the garlic and the pineapple. Toss in cilantro and season with a squeeze of lime juice and salt and pepper to taste.

5. Grill steak until done to taste, about 2 to 4 minutes a side. Let rest for 10 minutes, then smear the remaining garlic on top. Carve steak against the grain and serve with the salsa and lime wedges. □